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THE EL CERRITO community pool opened in January 2004 after more than a year of renovations. The \$4.9 million price tag for renovation was covered by a parcel tax approved in 2000. The swim center recoups about 72 percent of its costs through fees.

## New-look swim center popular with residents

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Though it was an overcast day, Berkeley resident Debbie Woods sat in a lounge chair reading while her 9-year-old daughter Caroline Woods-Mejia and a friend jumped in and splashed around the recreation pool at the El Cerrito Swim Center.

"I thought the movies would be an option given the weather," Woods said, "but they wanted to come here."

More and more residents are heading to the El Cerrito Swim Center after it reopened in January 2004 following more than a year of renovations.

El Cerrito taxpayers made the

\$4.9 million renovations possible, approving a parcel tax in 2000 that raised the necessary money.

Though the city subsidizes about half of the recreation department's programs, the swim center recoups about 72 percent of its costs through fees, according to a recent study conducted by Maximus, a city consultant.

"It is my goal to be as self-supporting as possible," said aquatic supervisor Samantha Kelman. "When Maxim did their study, we were about 72 percent self-sufficient. I'm not sure where we are at this moment, but we've had a good year so far. I would like to

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## School district saves athletics, band in budget

■ Spending plan passed in West Contra Costa reflects a shrinking district

 By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — The West Contra Costa school board Monday approved a \$268 million budget for 2005-06.

The financial blueprint maintains programs such as band and athletics while cutting teacher positions as the district continues to shrink.

According to the budget, the district will spend \$252 million from the general fund account used to pay salaries and benefits and keep nearly \$16 million in reserve. The expenditure figure is 2.4 percent larger than the one adopted for the previous school year.

Considering last year's tense budget discussions, board member Charles Ramsey said he felt optimistic about the district's financial outlook.

In June 2004, the Lovonya De-Jean Middle School auditorium echoed with hundreds of angry voices as the board contemplated cutting \$16.5 million, in the process gutting sports and music and shuttering libraries. The district's plight grabbed national headlines. Teachers marched 70

miles to Sacramento to beg for more money.

"We are on a lot better ground," Ramsey said Monday at a school board meeting.

A five-year parcel tax passed last summer pulled in nearly \$10 million this school year. The money, combined with nearly \$1 million in donations, kept music, sports and library programs in play.

Though next school year's budget does not require the hundreds of layoffs seen in recent years, the board trimmed about 75 positions, largely in response to dropping enrollment.

The district had 32,720 students in 2004-05, according to the state Department of Education. District administrators expect to see 1,100 fewer students in the fall.

Along with a lower head count comes fewer teacher positions. As a result, some middle and high schools may see larger classes and may not offer as many sections of such classes as art, physical education or dance. However, the programs will not be entirely eliminated.

Savings from cutting teachers will be somewhat offset by rising costs of health care. Coverage rates are estimated to rise by

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## Schools consider parcel tax

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The Albany school board is considering placing a parcel tax on the November ballot to help bridge a growing budget deficit.

The board discussed the tax after approving its 2005-2006 budget at Tuesday's meeting. The district will spend \$25.3

### IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Albany school board meeting
- **WHEN:** July 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Cornell Elementary School multipurpose room, 901 Cornell Ave.
- **INFORMATION:** 510-558-3766

million next year and possess \$1.8 million in reserve.

Board member Miriam Walden said the tax could raise an additional \$1 million annually for the district, which faces a \$125,000 budget deficit that may grow to \$400,000 over the next two years

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## El Cerrito draws plans for path extension

 By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — About 30 years after the Ohlone Greenway was built, resident Steve Price rides his bike to his Berkeley office every morning on the landscaped pedestrian and bike path running through the center of the city.

"It's a great city resource," said Price, a member of the city's design review board. "It's a great joy for me to go out there and see people out there every morning. There are a lot of seniors out there getting exercise; a lot of people going to work; bicycling and walking to the BART station."

The city is planning the future of the path. Years from now, residents may see an expansion northward, as well as dog runs, solar-powered emergency phone boxes and more — if the money can be found.

In January, 2004, the city hired San Francisco-based Tenaka Design Group for up to \$21,895 to help design a conceptual plan for the path.

An eight-page map so far includes a detailed examination of the state of the Greenway and potential improvements.

The park and recreation commission toured one half of the greenway last week to get a sense of how the changes could work. The commission will complete the tour at its July 27 meeting.

The changes include, for example, proposed plantings to screen an existing electrical transformer near Central Avenue. South of that, the city would install a solar-powered emergency phone.

Landscape improvements, seating and play areas, trash cans and interpretive signs would dot the park. The plan proposes a dog run between Portola Drive and Schmidt Lane.

The plan also proposes to realign some of the path to improve site lines or move it away from BART poles.



EL CERRITO RESIDENTS George McRae and Rosemary Loubal talk while walking the unnamed part of Ohlone Greenway at the Richmond border Tuesday. Loubal and McRae are concerned the possible removal of non-native trees from part of the trail.

To implement the plan would cost the city \$3.7 million. The plan will allow the city to apply for grants that may be available if state voters approve a bond measure that will potentially be on the ballot two years from now, said recreation director Monica Kortz.

"There might be more grant funding," said Kortz, "and unless we have a plan, we can't apply for grant funds."

Grants however, are no sure thing. A state agency last week rejected an application from the city for a \$204,000 grant that would have helped pay for an extension of the bike path north onto a 1.6-acre parcel.

The city will likely begin a creek restora-

tion on that parcel in mid-August and will seek out other grants for the greenway extension, Bradshaw said.

The greenway has seen a number of changes over the years.

Formerly a right-of-way for the Santa Fe Railroad, the city installed the bike path in the late 1970s, Price said. It now extends south through Albany and ends at the North Berkeley BART station.

But usage didn't pick up until the 1990s, after volunteers began planting trees and shrubs paid for with a grant.

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## Rubble-rousers

WORKERS REMOVE debris as they raze the old El Cerrito High gym last Friday. Construction of the new campus is slated for spring 2006.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Residents can view waterfront poll

Residents can see a poll showing 60 percent opposition to a waterfront mall at Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The poll, conducted by Oakland-based research firm Evans/McDonough, also shows that 72 percent of residents think the city is heading in the right direction and 24 percent believe school issues are the main problem facing the city.

Anonymous Solano Avenue business owners paid for the poll. For more information, call the city clerk at 510-528-5720.

— Alan Lopez

## El Cerrito

## Book on city to be published this summer

Arcadia Publishing is planning to release the book "Images of America: El Cerrito" in the late summer, said Tom Panas, the new president of the city historical society.

"We think the book will be very popular," wrote Panas in the most recent historical society newsletter. "It is 128 pages long and is packed with interesting pictures and captions that depict our town."

The historical society named 54-year-old Panas president after Art Schroeder stepped down in April.

"(Panas is) young, energetic and very interested in doing historical things for the society," said member Verne Odlin.

The society will hold its next meeting at noon on July 16 at Hubert Park at Sea View and Terrace drives. Residents are invited to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. For more information, call Odlin at 510-525-1730.

— Alan Lopez

## City walk scheduled for July 9

Join Berkeley Path Wanderers and the Friends of Five Creeks at 10 a.m. July 9 for a walk exploring Indian, Spanish, and early El Cerrito history as well as the recent restoration along Cerrito Creek and Albany Hill. Meet on the south edge of El Cerrito Plaza at Cornell Street. Return in time for the Saturday El Cerrito Plaza farmers' market. For information, contact Susan Schwartz at 510-848-9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

— Alan Lopez

## Lucky resident will win shopping spree

Register by 5 p.m. Sunday for a chance to win a 60-second shopping spree at Skein Lane, a needlework store at 7512 Fairmount Ave. The winner will be able to fill their project bag with as much yarn and fiber as they can in 60 seconds. The event will be held the weekend of July 9.

"Knitting is very popular right now, and it seemed like another way to promote it," said store owner Carolyn Pugh.

For more information, call 510-525-9276 or go online at www.skeinlane.com.

— Alan Lopez

## Kensington

## Events ordinance available for review

The June draft of the county's proposed events law is available online at [www.aboutkensington.com](http://www.aboutkensington.com). Click on "government" and then "Kensington Municipal Advisory Council" to access it.

If approved by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the ordinance would allow annually two events with up to 200 people and one event with up to 300 people at a backyard amphitheater on Coventry Road in Kensington.

The advisory committee is asking the county to reduce the number of annual events to two and reduce the number of people who can attend, including staff, to 125.

That letter, plus advisory meeting minutes dating back to January 2002, are also available online.

The county's planning commission will consider the draft ordinance for a recommendation to the board of supervisors at 7 p.m. July 12, at 651 Pine St., Room 107 in Martinez. Call 510-925-1210.

— Alan Lopez

## School board official speaks to residents

Howard Cohen, the regional superintendent for secondary education at the West Contra Costa School District, told a group of about 50 Kensington residents to call his secretary if they have questions or concerns about the schools. The number is 510-620-2014.

"If you need something or have a question," Cohen said, "I promise you you'll get a response."

He agreed with property owners association president Gail Feldman, who said the school district's phone answering system is very difficult to navigate.

Cohen made his remarks Saturday at Kensington's annual property owners association meeting. He said the district does a lousy job of customer service, and needs to learn that residents are its customers, not the problem, he said.

"The district is trying to turn itself around," he said. "It's a very big ship."

— Alan Lopez

## 'Fix our Ferals' fund-raiser set for July 16

Fix Our Ferals will hold a "Fund Our Ferals" fund-raiser on July 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, #1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction, food and wine. Admission is \$35 and includes refreshments. Auction items will include a Mark Bulwinkle Sculpture and other art, weekend getaways, and dinners for two. Entertainment will include classical pianist Katherine Buss and jazz pianist Debbie Poryers. Former Berkeley mayor Shirley Dean is also scheduled to attend.

— Craig Lazzaretti

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Tuesday, June 21

■ **NISSAN STOLEN** — Between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. someone stole a red 1995 Nissan parked at 555 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

## Wednesday, June 22

■ **DUI** — At about 12:30 a.m. officers stopped a gray and silver 1985 Nissan 240SX near San Pablo Avenue and Harrison Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 48-year-old Berkeley man, for DUI. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 5 a.m. officers arrested a 41-year-old Oakland man near the Albany waterfront for an outstanding San Francisco warrant for driving with a suspended license in the amount of \$20,000. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **PLANT STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a plant from a residence in the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard. There were no witnesses.

■ **TWO BIKES STOLEN** — Some-

one stole a green Sit Pro bike and a silver and white 26-inch Schwinn Bike from the bike rack near the Albany pool on Portland Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **THIEF ESCAPES** — At about 6 p.m., a person described as a male juvenile, about 17 years old, wearing blue jeans, white T-shirt and carrying a black backpack, stole CDs and a DVD player from the Radio Shack store in the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was last seen on foot heading north on San Pablo Avenue.

■ **WARRANT ARREST, VEHICLE RECOVERED** — At about 9:15 p.m. officers stopped a gray 2005 Ford Taurus near Buchanan and Fillmore streets for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Solano County for burglary, drug possession and making threats in the amount of \$30,000. A check found that the vehicle had been reported as stolen from Las Vegas. The driver was arrested and released on \$40,000 bail.

## Thursday, June 23

■ **VOLKSWAGEN STOLEN** — Dur-

ing the night a 1984 Volkswagen parked in the 600 block of Spokane Avenue was stolen.

## Friday, June 24

■ **DUI, HIT AND RUN** — Officers arrested a 33-year-old Berkeley woman in the 700 block of Pierce Street for DUI and hit and run. She was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident in the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night someone stole CDs and medicine from his unlocked black 2001 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses.

## Saturday, June 25

■ **WALKING STICK STOLEN** — An Albany man reported that someone stole his walking stick while he was doing his laundry in the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. He did not see anyone.

■ **BUSINESS BREAK-IN** — At about 9 a.m. someone broke the front window of a computer store in the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — At about 10 p.m. officers arrested a 52-

year-old transient man from Berkeley near Dartmouth and Kains avenues for two outstanding Berkeley warrants for possession of drugs and possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and taken to Santa Rita.

## Sunday, June 26

■ **ASSAULT** — Shortly before midnight an Albany man reported that two guys had beat him up about 20 minutes earlier while he was in the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. Officers took the report.

## Monday, June 27

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a burgundy Toyota parked in the 400 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **ARREST** — At about 4:30 p.m. officers stopped a blue 1988 Toyota Camry in the 1000 block of Kains Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 22-year-old Richmond man, for burglary and piracy. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

— K. O.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Friday, May 27

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE** — At 7:42 p.m., police arrested a 34-year-old San Pablo woman on suspicion of driving with a suspended license and for possessing a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine, following a traffic stop at Knott and San Pablo avenues. Police also arrested the passenger, a 24-year-old San Pablo woman, on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

## Saturday, May 28

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 4:45 a.m., police arrested a 37-year-old Danville man on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. Police responded to the area in response to a report of a disturbance and determined that the man had been arguing with his girlfriend.

## Tuesday, May 31

■ **ASSAULT WITH CANE** — At 5:54 p.m., police arrested a 65-year-old Rodeo man on suspicion of beating a woman with a cane on the 11500 block of San Pablo Avenue. Police responded to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon at Church's Chicken, and then located the suspect at the Del Norte BART station. The man began beating the woman after arguing with her, police said.

## Tuesday, June 7

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 3:15 a.m., police arrested a 54-year-old El Cerrito man on suspicion of possession of crack cocaine and for being under the influence of cocaine at San Pablo and Knott avenues. The man also had a no-bail felony burglary warrant for his arrest, police said.

## Sunday, June 12

■ **ASSAULT ARREST** — At 10:45 p.m., police arrested a 38-year-old El Cerrito man on suspicion of assault on the 700 block of Gelston Place.

Police responded after receiving a report of a disturbance.

## Monday, June 13

■ **CHECK FORGERY** — Police arrested a 21-year-old Richmond woman on suspicion of forging a check at Bank of America on the 10400 block of San Pablo Avenue at 4:20 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 14

■ **DRUG ARRESTS** — At 9:30 a.m., police arrested three local residents in their late 30s and early 40s on suspicion of possessing crack cocaine and ammunition after a traffic stop at Hagen Boulevard and Knott Avenue. Police arrested a 42-year-old Rodeo woman, a 40-year-old Richmond man and a 36-year-old El Cerrito man.

## Thursday, June 16

■ **SHOPLIFTING ARREST** — Shortly after 6 p.m., police arrested a 46-year-old San Pablo man on suspicion of shoplifting at Long's Drug and Marshalls.

## Saturday, June 18

■ **SHOPLIFTING ARREST** — At 4:45 p.m., police arrested a 38-year-old Novato man on suspicion of shoplifting at Target. The man had prior theft convictions, police said.

## Sunday, June 19

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE ARREST** — At 9:10 a.m., police arrested a 14-year-old Richmond boy on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle after he ran a stop sign at Manila Avenue and Navellier Street.

## Tuesday, June 21

■ **MINIVAN STOLEN** — Sometime between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., someone took a 2003 Dodge Caravan from the 9000 block of San Pablo Avenue.

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## Festivities lined up for the 4th

Residents are invited to celebrate the country's independence at Fourth of July events in El Cerrito and Albany.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Albany will hold its celebration at Memorial Park, 1331 Portland Ave. It will include face painting, a jump house, pony rides, a dunk tank, information and arts and crafts booths, family games and food, plus stage shows.

The city will also hold its first Albany Dog Jog, a one- or two-mile jaunt along the Ohlone Greenway for dogs and their owners. Register by today for \$8 or \$10 the day of the race. The

race starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration at 7:30 a.m. at Memorial Park. Call 510-524-9283 for more information.

El Cerrito will hold its annual Fourth of July celebration at Cerrito Vista Park at Mooser Lane and Navellier Street and across the street at the blacktop at Lytton Middle School. It will include food, games and live entertainment, including the annual WorldOne Festival. The events will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. with the WorldOne Festival kicking at 7 p.m. For more information, call 510-233-0611.

— Alan Lopez

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# Happy Independence Day, fellow Americans

"The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem."

— Walt Whitman, preface to "Leaves of Grass," 1855

"It is by the providence of God that in our country we have these three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them."

— Mark Twain, 1897

"O, let America be America again/The land that has never been yet/And yet must be/The land where every man is free."

— Langston Hughes, 1949

"America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair."

— Arnold Toynbee, 1954

"America is a romance in which we all partake."

— Newt Gingrich, 1995.

AS I WRITE THIS, I'm looking at one of the most moving works of art I've ever seen. It's a World War I propaganda poster showing Columbia laying a wreath at a memorial to the dead with these words carved in the granite: "Honor Roll: Du Bois, Smith, O'Brien, Cejka, Hauke, Pappandrikopolous, Andrassi, Vilotto, Levy, Turovich, Kowalski, Chirzazanevich, Knutson, Gonzales. AMERICANS ALL!"

That's about as good a definition of our democracy I know. On Monday we'll celebrate the 228th anniversary of the day it began, when a handful of men gathered in Philadelphia and mutually pledged "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour." They meant it, too. They knew that if they lost — and David McCullough's new book "1776" makes clear just how close that came to happening — every man in that room would be hanged as a traitor.

To buck up their spirits, they made nervous little jokes. When John Hancock said, "We must all hang together," Ben Franklin quipped, "Yes, or we shall all hang separately."

The corpulent Benjamin Harrison of Virginia turned to skinny Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts and said, "I'll have an easier time of it than you because my neck will be broken in an instant, while you'll be kicking in the air for a half hour." They weren't perfect. Many of them owned slaves. In Lon-



MARTIN SNAPP  
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don, Samuel Johnson wondered aloud, "How is it that the loudest yelps for liberty come from the drivers of slaves?"

And even the non-slaveholders had a pretty limited notion of who should be included in that "more perfect union": Protestant white men of property.

But their genius was that they invented a system that could outgrow them.

Thomas Jefferson's generation was shocked when Andrew Jackson ushered in the age of the common man, extending the right to vote to all white men. The Jacksonians were scandalized in their turn a generation later, when Lincoln freed the slaves.

In 1928 Al Smith became the first Catholic to run for president. He was roundly defeated by a vicious anti-Catholic whispering campaign. But he shrugged it off.

"The only cure for the evils of democracy," he said, "is more democracy."

In 1960, when I was a teenager, the second Catholic ran for president, and the anti-Catholic slurs started all over again. The conventional wisdom said a Catholic would never be elected.

But this time, John F. Kennedy won. In 1984 the first woman was nominated for vice president, and in 2000 I saw something I never thought I'd ever see when a Jew, Joe Lieberman, was tapped for V.P.

Now the pundits are saying women have a real chance at both presidential nominations next time: Hillary Clinton for the Democrats and Condoleezza Rice for the Republicans.

For all its faults, our country is still what Lincoln called it: "the last, best hope of Man."

Or, as one of his campaign songs from 1860, "For Lincoln and Liberty Too," put it: "We'll build us a temple of freedom/And make it capacious within/So all who seek shelter can join us/Whatever the hue of their skin."

Happy Independence Day.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK

CAITLIN is a 1-year-old black female terrier/lab mix, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Caitlin is a sweet, confident pup, according to the Humane Society, with lots of energy and a funny, furry face. She loves toys and will amuse herself for hours with a tennis ball or chew toy. She already knows "sit" and would love someone who has the time to continue with her training and take her to obedience class. Caitlin will do best in an active home with older children because of her size and energy level. If you would like



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 6-month-old female Aussie mix blue merle; 1-year-old female terrier/Lab mix black; 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 3-month-old male terrier mix black and tan; 3-month-old male terrier mix sable and white; 10-month-old male Pit bull/Lab mix tan; 3-month-old female border collie mix black; 2-year-old female poodle mix white.

Cats: 4-year-old female DSH brown and white tabby; 3-year-old female DSH/Abby mix brown; 5-year-old female DSH tortie; 5-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH brown tabby; 3-year-old male DSH orange and white; 1-year-old female DSH black; 5-year-old female DMH white; 4-year-old female DLH tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH tortie; 1-year-old male DSH black; 3-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 10-month-old female DSH black; 8-year-old male Siamese mix seal point; 7-year-old male Siamese mix brown tabby; 4-year-old female DSH dilute tortie; we also have kittens of various ages, sizes and colors. (DLH: domestic long hair; DMH: domestic medium hair; DSH: domestic short hair.)

## FACES & PLACES

### LeBlanc to head schools for now

The West Contra Costa school board on Monday appointed Chief Academic Officer Cynthia LeBlanc as interim superintendent of the 32,000-student district, effective in August, pending contract negotiations.

The 57-year-old has served as interim superintendent in two other Bay Area school districts during her 35-year career in education. This past school year in West Contra Costa, which has a \$268 million budget, LeBlanc served as both chief academic officer and head of personnel.



LeBlanc

LeBlanc will take over for Superintendent Gloria Johnston, who is leaving after six years as school chief to become dean of education at National University in La Jolla.

— Shirley Dang

The administrative team at Piedmont High School is set for



SHERRY LAVARIS/STAFF

TERRY GEORGESON is leaving Albany High School to become assistant principal at Piedmont High School.

the upcoming school year, with the recent hire of Albany High School assistant principal Terry Georgeson as the school's assistant principal. Georgeson, 47, takes over for Randy Booker, who was selected in April to replace retiring principal Pam Bradford.

Georgeson has been the assistant principal at Albany High School the past four years. She assumes her new position in Piedmont today.

Georgeson lives in El Cerrito with her 6-year-old son, Tyler, and partner Sheri.

— Lisa Coffee-Mahoney

Roberts, David Tiedemann and Marc Goeller.

Parents helping their effort included Geoff Piller, Howard Fisher, Gary Class, Andrew McKim, Scott Roberts, Jim Goeller, Carol and David Gallegos, Robert Fusaro and Jeff Shea. Also helping were Webelo Scout Evan Class and Girl Scout Isabel Gallegos.

The following Saturday, June 3, a contingent of Scouts and parents was busy painting over graffiti and sprucing up the Albany portion of Solano Avenue in preparation for the Albany Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Albany event the next day.

— Chris Treadway

Among the 4,928 students receiving degrees from Boston University last month was Max W. Rosenak of El Cerrito, who graduated with a bachelor's of fine arts in theater studies, cum laude.

— Chris Treadway

Michael Kaye of Albany has been selected to participate in a pre-professional training program at the California Summer School for the Arts in Valencia. Kaye, who attends the Arrowsmith Academy in Berkeley, was chosen for the program in the musical instrument category.

— Craig Lazeretti

## Couple help nonprofits publicize their services



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Community Folk

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## THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## 'Poll' not in the best interest for Albany

A PRIVATELY FUNDED POLL designed to gauge Albany residents' views about possible development along the waterfront seems to have raised more questions than it has answered. The poll showed that 60 percent of those surveyed opposed the building of a mall there, but that result was overshadowed at last week's City Council meeting by questions regarding the methods used to produce that figure and the motives of those behind the survey.

Critics characterized it as a "push poll" that purposely created a slanted picture of the hotly debated waterfront issue. But Councilman Robert Lieber latched onto the results as evidence that residents of Albany are opposed to development. All that we really know about the people behind this poll is that former Albany City Council candidate Brian Parker funded it by raising \$15,000 from Solano Avenue business owners who wished to remain anonymous.

Instead of providing some much-needed clarity to the issue, all the poll appears to have accomplished is further divide the opposing camps in this battle and leave residents skeptical about the process being used to determine the future of the waterfront. It's unfortunate because a credible poll on this matter could serve a valuable purpose in helping the City Council develop a plan for the waterfront if and when the time comes to make such a decision. Both sides seem preoccupied with trying to shape public opinion to fit their objectives, when the goal should be to develop a clear and accurate picture of what the people of Albany want.

It's time for the City Council to take control of this issue, instead of letting the pro- and anti-development forces try to control it. The council erred in allowing a poll of such questionable validity to come before it for consideration. If the council is truly interested in finding out what residents want, it should bring both sides together to support and fund an independent poll using questions and methods that everyone can agree on.

As the situation currently stands, special interests seem to be dictating the debate over the waterfront. On the one side, a mysterious group of donors has funded a poll that many perceive as an attempt to dash development plans. On the other side, executives with developer Caruso Affiliated are meeting with hundreds of residents to discuss their ideas for the land. What we don't know is whether these groups are making an honest effort to discern the views of Albany's residents or a self-interested attempt to promote their own agendas. Or a combination of both.

The question for the council is whether it will stand up for the interests of Albany's residents and make a good-faith effort to address their concerns in designing a long-term plan for the waterfront that will likely affect generations. There's still time to get this process right. Whatever happens on the waterfront depends in large measure on what happens to Golden Gates Fields, and that's still the million dollar question in Albany. Until it's answered, much of this debate will continue to center around mere speculation.

But if the council fails to bring credibility to this process, then whatever decision it ultimately makes will leave people bitter and divided — and wondering whether their views really mattered in the end.

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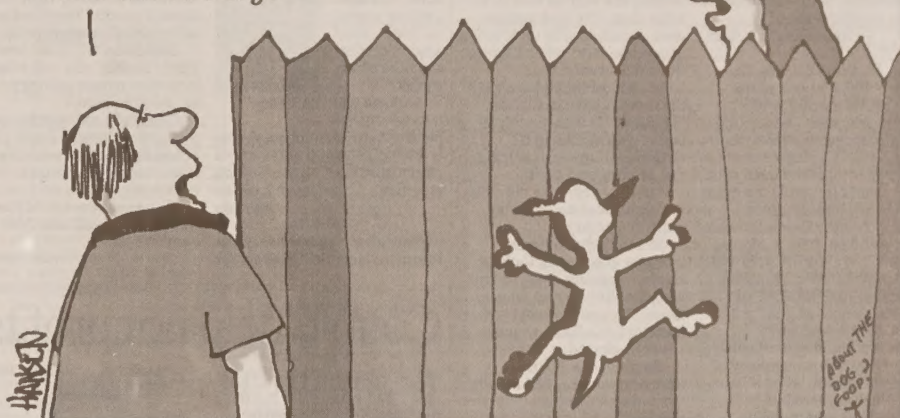
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## TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY

I know. He's been living under my deck since then.

Poor Maxie. We forgot to put him inside last 4th of July.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Public art' tax

El Cerrito is moving forward with a proposal that will force tax developers to pay for "public art," whatever that is.

Ultimately, this will be a tax on all consumers who patronize businesses or buy or rent housing in El Cerrito. But unlike taxes that pay for police or street maintenance, or other truly public services where everyone benefits, the primary beneficiaries of this tax will be, largely, just its promoters, the city's Arts and Culture Commission.

While many of this commission's activities are, no doubt, laudable, this proposal goes far beyond the role that government should play in our lives. Art, like religion, is too subjective and personal to be a government service.

If the El Cerrito Arts Commission cannot raise the funds it needs from voluntary contributions, then any tax should be approved by the voters, not just the City Council.

If the people of El Cerrito want to impose a tax on themselves to support public art, then they should be given the opportunity to make that choice themselves.

Dick Patterson  
El Cerrito

## Attacks will continue

Before I was a doctor, I was an evolutionary biologist.

Dogs are mammals, as are humans. Just as there is a part of the human brain that sometimes takes over and causes people to do unthinkable things, dogs also have this part of the brain. Couple this with a breed of dog that is specifically bred to bite and not let go, and you have a never-ending potential of unthinkable tragedies.

These attacks will continue, even if every single pit bull in America is owned by good, well-intentioned and responsible owners.

Why do we never hear about a lethal attack by a toy poodle or a border collie? That is because the necessity for the owner to be responsible is minimized by the combination of the mammalian brain and those breeds of dog.

I am not advocating any particular political or legal action here. I am only advising people to disregard as irrelevant that part of a story where people report, "I can't believe it, Spike was always so gentle and good with children."

Eric Husby-Gerry  
Albany

## Lieber should resign

The June 20 Albany City Council meeting was used by Councilman Robert Lieber, accompanied by Brian Parker, as a bully pulpit for their agenda.

After the presentation of a \$16,000, anonymously funded push poll of 400 selected Albany residents who were addressed by name, Lieber told the audience at the meeting that development at the Magna-owned racetrack would never happen, no matter what — done and over. And he was none too polite about it, either.

The survey company used was EMC (Evans/McDonough Co., Inc.), which states in its Web site: "EMC ... employs a variety of research and political-model methods to help our clients wage a successful campaign for public approval of their project."

The City Council is not the place for one member to politic for a particular agenda, and the residents present made their opinions known by their cogent objections to Lieber's actions.

Councilman Lieber has shown himself to be more concerned with using the council chamber as a forum for his personal agenda than for the welfare of the city of Albany. The City Council would do well to ask for his resignation.

Lubov Mazur  
Albany

## Where's the logic?

Shirley Dang's article regarding the retirement/resignation of West Contra Costa school district Superintendent Gloria Johnston notes that there was a sharp rise in student scores during Johnston's six-year tenure.

Then it quotes Gail Mendes, president of United Teachers of Richmond, as saying that Johnston's departure is a "victory for the children."

What's Mendes' logic? Is this an IQ test and Mendes failed it?

Cathie Kosel  
Kensington

Kosel is a retired teacher and administrator.

## Questions verdict

I am not convinced the jury made the correct decision in the Michael Jackson case. However, the jury has spoken.

Whether we like it or not, the jury heard the evidence and rendered a decision. This is not the first time, nor will it be the last time, that a jury's decision is questioned.

I believe the prosecution made a tactical mistake with the charges. At least that is what I got from the juror interviews.

I think the jury made its decision with what it was given, right or wrong.

John G. Cakars  
Albany

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## Good news, bad news

There is good news and bad news about Alan Lopez's article on the June 20 Albany City Council meeting (Journal, 6/24/05).

The good news is that it gets the message to Caruso Affiliated, prospective developers of a commercial project on the Albany waterfront, that the majority of at least a small sample of Albany residents contacted in a push poll (bankrolled by "anonymous" individuals and local businesses) indicated they do not want a mall on the waterfront. (Never mind that such a development has not been proposed by Caruso or anyone else.) I suspect there is widespread agreement with that sentiment.

The bad news is that Lopez omitted from his article the most important information about the waterfront discussion that went on at the meeting. Namely, that one council member demonstrated, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he neither understands nor cares about his roles and responsibilities as an elected public official by flatly stating there will be no development on the waterfront and he will not listen to any discussion of such a plan.

Further, Lopez failed to report the outraged response of Albany residents in the audience to Robert Lieber's unbelievable display of Texas hubris and public trampling of their First Amendment rights.

Lieber should step down in deference to a responsible individual who will courteously listen to all who wish to speak on the matter, and consider all sides of this important local issue. There is nothing honorable about his behavior. Albany deserves better.

Sally Outis  
Albany

## Haiti's resistance

On June 18, Lucie Tondreau, a Haitian-American activist from Miami, spoke in El Cerrito about grassroots resistance in Haiti.

With clarity and energy from her long and dedicated experience, she highlighted the necessity of getting the truth about what is happening in Haiti. Americans need to speak up about the terrible injustices being inflicted on the Haitian people.

In news reports originating elsewhere than "on the ground," the very ones suffering violence are falsely being accused of being responsible for it!

The real cause of violence in Haiti is U.S. foreign policy, which supported the coup. Our policy has robbed Haiti of its democratically elected president, of its constitution, and of every semblance of fairness and justice.

Hundreds of political prisoners languish in prison, without any due process.

I urge support of Rep. Barbara Lee's Truth Act and of the Comprehensive Immigration Fairness Act, HR 257. Temporary protective status for Haitians fleeing violence is long overdue. Short of the return of their democracy, it will continue to be necessary. Further information may be found at: [www.haitiaction.net](http://www.haitiaction.net).

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# Libraries strive to meet the needs of young, old

## Point of the week:

The ages defining 'children' and 'young adults' are not consistent across libraries. ... Surveys show that the low and high school libraries use to define children and young adults vary widely. For example, some libraries consider 15 years of age as the lower limit for young adults, whereas other libraries consider 15 as the upper limit."

— National Center for Education Statistics Web site (nces.ed.gov)



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

more sophisticated, while others are still reading books in the children's section.

One aspect to this question is simply the location of materials. As kids get older, they are ready to find their books and CDs anywhere but the children's area. I see this with school reports: We have excellent country, state and biography books in the children's area — but a 13-year-old may prefer books from the adult section or, at least, from the teen section. And I can understand not wanting to go into an area that has shelves and shelves of brightly colored picture books and is frequently

populated by toddlers and their parents.

The next question is: If specific ages are targeted for each of these areas, what should they be? As my beginning quote shows, ages for this vary widely. The library system I work for considers high school the beginning of young adulthood. This puts kindergartners through eighth graders in the same area, being served by the same budget and the same staff. In a small library, this probably doesn't really matter — there may not even be a young adult librarian, and the children's staff serves newborns through high school seniors.

I know of many libraries where this is true, and there are programs and materials for all these ages. But in a library system where a line is drawn between these populations, it has become more difficult to know just what to do. As someone mentioned at a

meeting I attended recently, kids are growing up faster than ever.

Part of the dilemma is the difference between a public library system and the commercial world. Many of the products and services targeted for children as young as 9 — such as diet books, makeup and popular music — may not be appropriate for these ages. But with advertising and movies, computer games and television programs making them visible and attractive, children want them. So, if there is the demand, does that mean the children's section public library should provide this kind of information for these library users? What exactly is our goal — to provide a thoughtful but possibly old-fashioned standard or to follow popular trends?

This is a touchy issue for many of us, as we shy away from anything that could look like censorship, yet strive at

the same time to provide age-appropriate materials. But one point made to me recently by a fifth-grade teacher really made sense. She pointed out that when parents see a "J" (for juvenile) label on something, they assume it is appropriate for their child — while a young adult or teen label implies it may be more controversial. And even though librarians everywhere emphasize it is up to a parent to monitor what their child brings home from the library — no matter which section it comes from — there is still that secure feeling that comes from knowing your child is bringing home something that came from the same section as "Runaway Bunny."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@aclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclib.org) or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Swizzle will perform a puppet show at the Albany Library Tuesday at 7 p.m., the third of the library's summer-long day events for all ages. The w, "Hazel and the Dragon," about Hazel, the brave little girl; Filbert, the not-so-brave fox; and Pepper, a baby dog with a broken wing. It features hand-crafted puppets, audience participation, and a behind-the-scenes presentation.

No registration is required for these free events, which are appropriate for all ages. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave., in Albany, and is a branch of the Alameda County Library system. For more information, Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 17 or e-mail to [jwinkelstein@aclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclib.org).

— Craig Lazeretti

Colibri" will use an array of traditional folk instruments to present an interactive journey through Latin America on July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library. Lichi Fuentes and Alisa comprise this musical duo, their repertoire includes songs from many countries — such as a Bolivian festival song about a mother dancing with her son, to a Chilean song about love, as well as popular Mexican songs.

This is the fourth in a series of summer Tuesday evening programs. No registration is required. For more information, Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 17 or e-mail [jwinkelstein@aclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclib.org).

— Craig Lazeretti

Jill Lebeau, a psychotherapist, and Stephanie Barbic, a professional organizer, will speak on uncluttering your life at the El Cerrito Library on July 18 at 7 p.m. Lebeau is a psychotherapist, motivational speaker and author who specializes in rapid transformation — a method she developed that accelerates the expansion of psychological and spiritual consciousness.

Barbic is a professional who specializes in organizing your home/business so that you can have peace of mind. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization.

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— Craig Lazeretti

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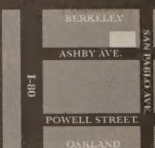
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■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Coastal Ecology Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains" session two, for ages 9-12, **July 10-14**. — "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session one, for ages 10-14, **July 1-24**; session two, for ages 11-16, **July 30-Aug. 4**. Details: [www.lawrencehallscience.org](http://www.lawrencehallscience.org) and 510-642-5134.

■ **Shakespeare Camps** for youth ages 7-18 are weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somers Ave., Berkeley. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. Schedule: teen camp **July 11-22**, **July 25-Aug. 5**, **Aug. 8-19**. Cost: \$395, \$520 with aftercare. To enroll: call 800-978-PLAY, or download forms at [www.sf-shakes.org](http://www.sf-shakes.org) and fax to 415-865-4433.

■ **Family Film Sunday Series** presents film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" 11 a.m. **July 17** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2840 College Ave., Berkeley. Original 1971 version of Roald Dahl's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is a wry, amusing musical about a world famous candy maker who hides five golden tickets in candy bars for five lucky children. Starring Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents: Free admission day of literacy events **July 9**: alphabet beads, magnets, bilingual storytelling; press, mold, draw, stamp or sculpt letters all day in art studio. Refreshments provided. — Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **July 23**: Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at University Garage, Addison at Oxford Streets. Details: [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) or 510-647-1111.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates through **Aug. 1** at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: [www.stagedoorconservatory.org](http://www.stagedoorconservatory.org) or 510-521-6250.

■ **Black Repertory Group Youth De-**

partment's Summer Day Camp is through **August** for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or [www.blackrepertorygroup.com](http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com).

■ **Boy Scout meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ Check out books from **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theater classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theater techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit [www.cccot.org](http://www.cccot.org).

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## Community

■ **Recreational Equipment Inc.** 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10-11:30 a.m. **July 3, 17**. — Foot-Care for Any Sport: Boot Fit, Blisters & More 7 p.m. **July 5**. — Kayaking 101 7 p.m. **July 6**.

— Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **July 10**. — Road Cycling for Women 7 p.m. **July 12**. — Climbing Mt. Shasta: Tips for First-time Climbers: 7 p.m. **July 13**. — Fast-Packing 101: An Inspirational Evening with GoLife Founder Demetri "Coup" Coupounas 7 p.m. **July 19**. — GPS 101 7 p.m. **July 26**. — Adventure Racing Basics with World Class Athlete Robyn Benincasa 7 p.m. **July 27**. Details: 510-527-4140.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute** presents Abbe Blum speaking on "Challenging the Limits of Self-Knowledge" 6 p.m. **July 3** at 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Coming up: Lama Amdo on "Relaxing Judgment about the Self" on **July 10**; Robin Caton on "A Pilgrimage to Tibet" **July 17**. — Lama Palzang and Pema Gellek on "Compassion as Forgiveness" 6 p.m. **July 24**. — Lama Amdo on "Meditation and the Four Noble Truths" 6 p.m. **July 31**. — Lama Palzang and Pema Gellek on "Developing the Wish for Freedom" 6 p.m. **Aug. 7**. Details: 510-843-6812.

■ **City of Albany Recreation Department** presents a 4th of July celebration 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **July 4** in Memorial Park, 1331 Portland Ave., Albany. Free. Uncle Jazz, John Gates Trio, pet show, arts & crafts, pony rides, jump house, family games, food. Details: 510-524-9283, [www.albanyca.org](http://www.albanyca.org).

■ **City of Albany's 4th of July Dog Jog Fun Run** is 8:30 a.m. **July 4** at Memorial Park, 1331 Portland Ave., Albany. Registration is 7:30 a.m. One and two mile run/walk options for dogs and their owners. Cost: \$10. Details: 510-524-9283, [www.albanyca.org](http://www.albanyca.org).

■ **Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket** celebrates 4th of July 2-4 p.m. **July 4** at Berkeley Marina, 160 University Ave., Berkeley. Live Celtic acoustic music by Pat's trio. Free. Details: 510-548-5335.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., presents the following free events: Birthday party 1:15 p.m. **July 6**. Joy Perin, One Woman Band, plays classical and pop music from the 20th century. — **July 8**: Allen Stross, photographer, discusses use of digital cameras at 1 p.m. — **July 11**: Dr. Loron McGillis gives a talk about strokes at 10:30 a.m.; Salsa Exercise class begins with instructor Carolyn Ozonsi at 11 a.m. — **July 12**: Lucci Ellis shows a video,

leads a discussion about Bioethics of Cloning at 1 p.m. — **July 18**: Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. — **July 19**: Lucci Ellis presents video and discussion "A Fat Nation In a Thin World" at 1 p.m. — **July 26**: Matt Ryan gives presentation about vacationing in Prague, Budapest and Krakow at 1:15 p.m. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: **July 11, 18, Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5**. Details: [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/land-use/Creeks/default.html](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/land-use/Creeks/default.html).

■ **Studio Rasa** presents Global Wisdom Circle, a series of meditation, dialogues, stories and ritual with spiritual teachers celebrating Buddhist, Christian, Indigenous, Islamic, Jewish and Sufi life ways. Circle is open 7:30-9 p.m.

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■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's** next monthly family support group meets 7-8:45 p.m. **July 13** at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. Free. Families with a mentally ill relative can share information, support. Details: 510-524-1250.

■ **Fix Our Ferals** presents "Fund Our Ferals" fundraiser 4-7 p.m. **July 16** at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, #1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Silent auction, food, wine. \$35 admission includes refreshments. Details: [www.fixourferals.org](http://www.fixourferals.org).

■ **Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's** 8th annual Bay to Barkers Dog Walk and Festival is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **July 17** at

Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley. Spinnaker Way. Gentle 1.3-mile stroll, fun activities for canines, strations and exhibits. Proceeds abandoned dogs and cats shelter. Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Cost: \$25-\$30; participants ask great prizes available. Details: 7735 x13 or [www.berkeleyhumane.org](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org).


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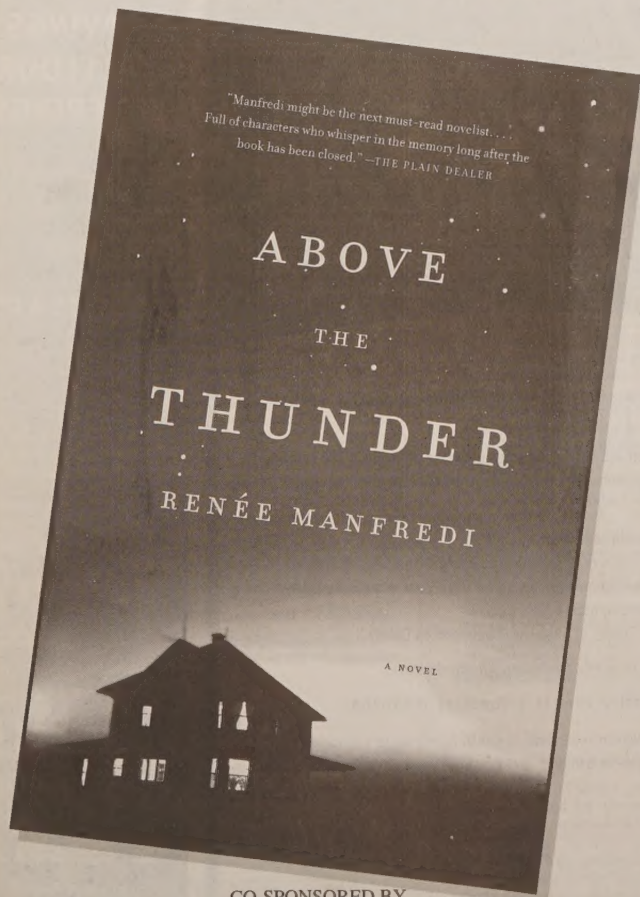
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rain or shine. Details: 510-548-1700. Website: www.ecologycenter.org. Events: Peach tastings July 23.

**Gray Panthers** present the coordinator Harriet Hoffman for an independent speaking on "How do Independent Political Landscape?" at 10 a.m. July 20 at 1403 Addison St., Berkeley. She will also discuss political issues. A light vegetarian supper served. Details: 510-548-9696.

**Red Cross** holds mobile drives at the following times: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 19 at UCB Physical 1000 Carleton St., Berkeley. — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 20 at Albany YMCA, 1501 Walnut St., Berkeley. — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 22 at Church of Jesus Christ 1501 Walnut St., Berkeley. — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 26 at University of California Student Union, East Pauley Ave. Details: 1-800-448-3543 or www.donors.com.

**Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 p.m. through October at Weather-ly, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive vehicle and BMW will donate every mile driven to Foundation. 877-4-A-DRIVE.

**Area Community Services** pre-arranged lunch days 12-1 p.m. at locations in Alameda County.

Donation \$2.25. Details/reservations: 510-986-8900 or www.bayarecs.org.

**World Affairs/Current Events** group for people 60+ years resumes 10:15-11:45 a.m. Mondays at Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. \$2.50 per session. Refreshments. Details, call 510-524-9122.

**Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Dog and puppy temporary foster homes are urgently needed. Local animal shelters are overcrowded and the situation is desperate. Please call Hopalong Animal Rescue at 510-267-1915 or go to www.hopalong.org.

**Programs at the Albany Senior Center**, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Low Vision Support Group is at 11 a.m.-12 p.m. on last Monday of each month. Free. — Massage Therapy is Tuesdays at 2:30-5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$10 per 15 minute session. Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sliding scale \$3-\$10 per week. — Senior Issues Support Group, Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15. — World Affairs/Current Events discussion group for people 60 years and older meets Mondays 10:15-11:45 a.m. Details/registration: 510-524-9122.

**Berkeley City Club and Landmark Heritage Foundation** are dedicated to preservation and promotion of legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., on fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1-4 p.m. Free, with donations welcome. For reservations/details: 510 848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

## Donations

**Berkeley Toys for Tots** program is under way, to donate toys to underprivileged children call Berkeley Police Captain Bill Pittman at 510-981-5760.

**Cars needed** — Boys and Girls Clubs throughout California are running car campaigns to help support their programs. If you would like to donate your automobile, the Club can be contacted at 800-246-0493. Some restrictions apply.

**The Turnabout Shop**, 10052 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito: all staff time and merchandise to the shop is donated, and proceeds support healthcare needs in local communities. Thrift-shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of clothing and household items are welcome. Details: 510-525-7844.

**Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 510-845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

## Exhibits

**ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents its June Garden Show featuring works in celebration of Summer by ACCI Gallery Members through July 1. — 2005 New Member Show is July 15-Aug. 12, with newest artists and their

exciting work. Opening reception with artists 6-8 p.m. July 13. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

**Open Studio, Arts & Crafts Show** by El Cerrito photographer Heidi Rand is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 2-3, 9-10 at 5810 Barrett Ave., El Cerrito. Nature photography display, including unique crafts on wood, fabric, tile, more. Details: heidrand@aol.com or www.GardenDelightsArts.com.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through July 31 at Reutlinger Gallery; "Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shtetl" through July 31. — "The People and the Book: Paintings and Rare Books from the Museum's Collection" through July 3 in Second Floor Gallery. Free. Details: 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

**UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley, presents: First Impressions: Free First Thursdays 5:30 p.m. July 7 in Theater Gallery. Guided tour of "Blind at the Museum." — Free Screening of "The Animal Kingdom" 5:30 p.m. July 7 in PFA Theater; "Blind At The Museum" Gallery Talk with John Dugdale, Beth Duncan 3 p.m. July 10 at Theater Gallery; Artist's Talk Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach "Works in Progress: Objects for People/Snapshots" 4 p.m. July 10 in Gallery 1; "Blind at the Museum" through July 24; "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting" through July 24; Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach July 10-Sept. 4; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through Aug. 7; Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004 through Aug. 14. Details:

www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

**22nd annual Berkeley Art Center Association National Juried Exhibition** is July 17-Aug. 27 at Berkeley Art Center, Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St. Opening reception & awards 2-4 p.m. July 17. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

**Photography show "Travels with Margot"** shows through July 20 at the Homemade Cafe, 2454 Sacramento St., Berkeley. Berkeley activist Margot Smith presents photos from Europe, China, Hawaii, Mexico, California. Details: 510-486-8010.

**Alvarado Artists Group** will exhibit its work at Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Works of Barbara K. Werner, ceramicist, Marilyn MacGregor, ceramic sculptor, MJ Orcutt, mixed media artist, Carla Dole, book artist, and Joan Mikkelsen, photographer, will be on display through July 3. Details: 510-848-1228 or www.giorgigallery.com.

**Innersport's** spring art show runs until August at 1250 Addison St. #102, Berkeley. Show features work by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kohn and Nita Moreno. Details: www.innersport.com.

**Black Repertory Group**, 3201 Ade-

line St., Berkeley, presents: Night Owl Comedy 10 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays monthly. Cost: \$5-\$10. — Free Lunch Program is through Aug. 4. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertory-group.com.

**Albany Arts Committee** presents exhibit "From Life," featuring plain air and figurative paintings of Iris Sabre through Sept. 2 at Foyer Gallery, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., 8:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m. Saturdays. Details: 510-524-1577.

**Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley, offers the following exhibitions: — "Turning Corners", a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations", a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through Jan. 22, 2006. — Details: 510-642-0808.

## Film/dance/stage

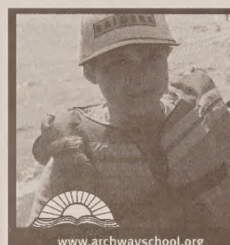
**Ashkenaz Music & Dance** Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: African Tribal Quintet African Showboyz 9:30 p.m. July 1. \$11-\$13. — Reggae Angels concert 9:30 p.m. July 2. \$11-\$13. — Kids' show "Ten\*G\*Bob" 3 p.m. July 3. \$4-\$6.

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## Pool

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think we are one of the top pools, and I would like to stay that way."

Since its renovations, the facility has improved dramatically, said El Cerrito recreation director Monica Kortz.

The old facility failed to meet building codes, and the lights didn't work.

"The pool was dilapidated; it was a 39-year-old facility with not many attractions," Kortz said. "The tiles were falling off the wall."

Now, on hot days, the pool has to turn away people or exceed its capacity, Kortz said, something that never happened before the renovations. The facility consists of an activity pool with a capacity of 158 and a competition pool with a capacity of 316.

Carolynne Dupins, a member of the Changing Lives Christian Ministry in Richmond, was among 30 people from the church who visited the pool recently.

She was impressed by the way the pool looked following its renovations. She likes that people can bring in food and barbecue on the north lawn.

While she and a contingent of parents sat on some metal bleachers, children and a few parents splashed around in the recreation pool about 15 feet in front of them.

Occasionally, a child would exit the pool to run up the stairs of the popular waterslide. Others stood at a plastic mushroom, which would occasionally shower water on them.

Meanwhile, adults and older children swam laps or dove off one of several diving boards in the lap swim pool on the far side of the bleachers.

"It caters to all ages," said Dupins.

"It's their favorite pool in the area," said Woods, of her daughter and friend. "They love the

## POOL INFO

Effective today, residents will see most fees increase by 3 percent at the El Cerrito Swim Center. For everyone, drop-in swimming at the recreation pool or lap swimming at the competition pool will cost between \$3 and \$6.

For El Cerrito residents wanting an unlimited monthly lap-swim pass, they will pay \$103, or \$43 for a 10-swim pass. For adults who want to swim in the recreation pool, it will cost \$64 for an unlimited monthly pass; for children it will be \$38. Non-residents pay more.

For more information about the El Cerrito Swim Center, call 510-559-7000 or go online at [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org).

slide. I love the grassy area. It's kind of unusual for a pool area. It's a very nice facility; the lifeguards are very attentive."

The staff also likes it, said Rebecca Parsa, a 19-year-old San Diego State University student who now works there during the summer.

Parsa started taking lessons at the pool when she was 8 years old, and began volunteering there when she was 13.

She was a junior lifeguard until about three years ago, when she was promoted to senior guard. She now manages lessons and handles complaints, she said. She also joined the El Cerrito Gators swim team.

Working there is like being part of a family, she said.

Junior lifeguard and El Cerrito High School sophomore Ryan Trac said he spends much of his summer there.

"You get to swim and hang out with your friends, have a fun time," Trac said. "Most of the lifeguards here are my friends. I enjoy working with them."

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## Budget

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9.7 percent, said Ruth Vedovelli, associate superintendent of business services, though that is about 5 percent lower than the previous estimate of 14 percent.

Things could improve further by fall, she said.

Federal dollars left over from this school year cannot be counted as revenue until the books close June 30, said Barbara Snaith, senior director of fiscal services. After the balance is calculated in September, district administrators will have a truer picture of the district's resources.

## Tax

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because of potential salary and benefits increases.

"I feel like the time to tell people you have a problem is as soon as possible, not when there's an emergency," she said.

A discussion about the tax will continue at a July 12 meeting, with a final decision needed by Aug. 8, the deadline for placing measures on the November ballot.

Walden is asking the board to submit a ballot measure that would

"I don't want to throw cold water on the warm fuzzies. This budget is balanced on one-time money."

— Gloria Johnston, West Contra Costa schools superintendent

sources.

For instance, in June 2004, the board adopted a budget of \$246 million in spending based on \$248 million in revenues. By the 24th interim budget update

either increase a parcel tax residents approved in 1987 or approve a new tax. To raise \$1 million a year, the district would need to raise the base 1987 tax from \$120.42 to about \$321, Walden said.

Board member Nadine Ghamache praised the tax effort while board member David Farrell and board president Michael Barnes offered more qualified support.

Vice Chair Charlie Blanchard said the issue needed more discussion and suggested the board consider a November '06 ballot measure.

"There's no time for a real se-

rious discussion," said Blanchard. "And there's no time for the board to consider alternatives in a real serious way."

Roger Carlsen, the chair of the district's budget advisory committee, criticized the board for taking up the issue late in the evening and during the summer when residents are on vacation.

"This is a rush job," said Carlsen. "You can't possibly expect to get public input in the next two weeks."

Walden said she had been monitoring public input for three years, and pointed to a school district poll last spring showing that 72 percent of voters identified "lack of funding" or "budget cuts" as the top problem facing schools.

The budget the board approved Tuesday saved the district from

balanced on one-time money.

Nearly \$3 million can be taken from money earmarked for specific programs that now allows districts to use other purposes.

In addition, the district received permission from trustee Fred Stewart to use \$2 million payment in debt service fund, an amount used to pay off loans the state bailout from bankruptcy.

"We can't keep going the well for one-time money," Johnston said.

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## Fire destroys theater company props

BERKELEY — A three-alarm fire Wednesday evening destroyed props and stage equipment stored in a warehouse, Berkeley fire officials said.

The blaze, in the 1200 block of 5th Street, broke out about 7:30 p.m. and caused the roof and part of a wall to collapse on the items, part of the Berkeley Repertory Theater's collection. The fire did not spread to nearby businesses, Assistant Chief Lucky Thomas said.

Two firefighters suffered minor burns while battling the fire.

The blaze sent columns of thick black smoke extending into portions of West County.

Thomas said a major power line was severed, and outages occurred in the city. It was unknown late Wednesday how many power customers were affected.

It took nearly two hours to extinguish hot spots. The estimated amount of damage was unavailable Wednesday. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

— Amber Ellis

"at least we can fix the creek," said Loubal. "The pathway can wait."

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## Path

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"It's the first or second most heavily used community resource," Price said. "That's because of the trees; that's the key to getting people out to use the facility. It was underutilized be-

fore the trees came in."

Melanie Mintz, El Cerrito's environmental analyst, said the city will add 301 shrubs and 104 trees to the Baxter Creek restoration site north of the Ohlone Greenway.

But parks commissioner Rosemary Loubal became alarmed last week after she said she

learned during the greenway tour that the city was going to remove all non-native trees, from Wall to Conlon avenues on the north end of the trail. It's an area she's calling "Arroyo Seco."

She believed that the rejection of the \$204,000 grant was a "stay of execution" for the trees.

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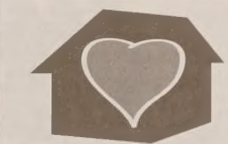


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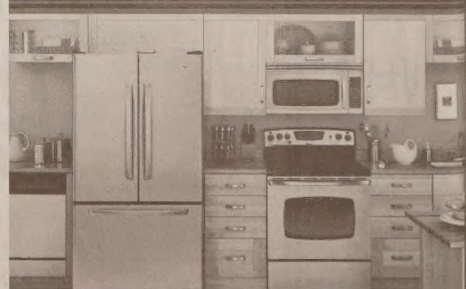
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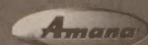
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**ARCHITECT-BUILDER JOSEPH LEONARD** built his brown-shingle masterpiece at the foot of Union Street in Alameda. Leonard began construction in late 1895 and the family moved in just before Christmas in 1896. Notice the home's third story in the vintage photo, inset. When workers removed the third story in the 1960s, they discovered part of the space served to store water for the home.

## A master's piece: A look at builder Joseph Leonard and his Alameda home

**BY DENNIS EVANOSKY**  
 SECTION EDITOR

Joseph Argyle Leonard, one of the Bay Area's most prolific late 19th-century builders, arrived in California in 1883 "with nothing but a hammer and a saw." It's that's what his 1929 obituary could have us believe.

Leonard had arrived with just two essential tools of his trade, and bought a solid background in chosen profession to the State. He could claim business engineering and architectural he had sharpened in New York Philadelphia.

After he studied in the east, he returned to his native Texas and by 1875 he had established himself solidly enough to marry Annie Jeffries. He left his mark in both Dallas and Fort Worth before coming west.

Annie bore him twin daughters, Mattie and Mary, and a son George. A third daughter was born in Tombstone, Arizona. John and Annie whimsically named her Arizona (and nicknamed her Zona) for her birth state.

The Leonards' 1883 arrival in San Francisco could not have been more timely. Joseph found himself

in the midst of a Bay Area building boom. He took up his proverbial hammer and saw and went to work. He first established himself as a building contractor in San Francisco before moving to across the bay to Alameda in 1887.

The Leonards arrived "just as the town was beginning its rapid growth as a commuter suburb," says Alameda historian Woody Minor in Leonardville Heritage Area.

According to Minor, Leonard got his start in Alameda as a partner in the real estate firm of A.H. Todd

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### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Amenities abound in Oakland home



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## Alameda's Bay Shore

From an 1888 Alameda Daily Argus map

- ◆ Future site of Leonardville
- ◆ Future site of Leonard Mansion
- ◆ Future site of Encinal Yacht Club



**THOSE WERE THE DAYS:** Joseph Leonard and his wife, Annie, arrived in Alameda in 1887, just when the city was undergoing a transformation from village to suburb. A year later, the newspaper The Argus published a map of Alameda. Part of this map shows San Francisco Bay at the foot of Union and Grand streets, left. The foot of Union Street where Joseph and Annie built their home in 1896 is a park pasture along San Francisco Bay. Joseph developed Leonardville on nearby fields and pastures. He was an avid yachtman, who owned two yachts. One he named Little Annie, for his wife; the other Sueno. He served the Encinal Yacht Club as commodore and designed the clubhouse on a pier off Grand Street, right.

## Leonard

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& Co. When Todd retired, Leonard bought the firm. The company was a full-service real estate company. It "collected rents, managed property, gave out loans and sold insurance," Minor says.

Leonard also began building homes for a small number of his clients. He expanded his full-service approach to the business. He offered what he called a "package" approach.

In December 1889, Minor says he laid the foundation for the first of the new Leonardville houses at the southwest corner of Lafayette Street and San Antonio Avenue. The Alameda newspaper The Daily Argus called this home the "pioneer of some 20 others."

In 1890, Leonard expanded his scope and published an illustrated brochure, A Home in Alameda. The number of copies he printed—20,000—reflects the faith he had in himself and his business.

That same year, Leonard built a Queen Anne-style home for himself and his family at 1025 Union St. He and Annie moved in with the children in 1890. The home, that cost Leonard \$7,000 to build was demolished in 1930.

He busied himself and his company in creating the residential district we know today as Leonardville. From 1889 to 1896, he and his company built 66 homes around Chestnut Street.

Leonard reserved several choice lots for himself at the foot of Union Street. In 1892, he built a tank house, laid out gardens and set up a boatyard here.

He built his two yachts here, the Little Anne—named for his wife, of course—in 1891 and El Sueno in 1895.

After his second yacht was complete, Leonard began construction on what Minor calls "Leonardville's largest and costliest house—as well as its last."

Leonard certainly made a statement to all who saw the home, whether on land or from the bay. The home stood near—and was very visible from—the Encinal Yacht Club.

At the time the club stood on a pier in the bay off Grand Street, Leonard served the club as commodore and, of course, he designed and built the handsome club house.

The home stands firmly in two eras. Its towers and witches' caps stem from the Victorian era, but the

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**A FANCIFUL DOOR HANDLE,** left, welcomed guests to 891 Union St. Alameda. The sweeping staircase, right, with its stained-glass window draws eye upward from the foyer. Architect-builder Joseph A. Leonard spent no expense on his residence. The home cost \$20,000 to build in 1896, a time when one could buy a home for as little as \$1,900.

## A look at credit and your mortgage

### Part One

If you're a first-time home buyer, be aware that your credit history plays a large part in what kind of home you'll be able to afford. If you're refinancing your current property, also be aware that your credit will speak loudly to your lender about the kind of loan and interest rate you'll qualify for.

Now that I have your attention, let's take a closer look at how it works—for and against you. We'll tackle credit scoring now and look at what you can do about your scores in Part Two.

Credit scoring is a sophisticated mathematical model applied to your credit behavior. It gives a lender a pretty accurate gauge of how big a risk you represent.

Lenders, including banks, credit unions and investors, seek a profit on the money they lend you but don't handle risk easily, especially if your credit history shows slow or no-pay occurrences.

A credit score considers your credit history, income, outstanding debt and debt utilization over the years, access to credit, and other indicators of your financial behavior to determine how likely you are to pay your bills on time, or if at all.

From that stew comes a numeric score, ranging from 300 to 850, with the low end indicating a poor credit risk. A score of 620 is often the line separating more favorable loan programs and rates from so-called "sub-prime" programs.

This line can mean the difference of hundreds of dollars a month to you and your mortgage payment; worse still, it can a lender deciding to fund you or rejecting your application.

Although dozens of models can be used, the best-known company in the scoring business is Fair, Isaac and Company (thus FICO).

They break down your FICO score as follows:

### 35 percent of your score: Payment History

The factor that has the biggest impact on your score is whether you've paid past credit accounts on time. On the other hand, a generally good credit picture can outweigh a few late payments, and late payments will continue to have less impact over time. The exception: late payments on your monthly mortgage; miss paying the others but never your mortgage.

### 30 percent: Amounts Owed

Having numerous credit accounts and owing money doesn't necessarily mean you're a high-risk borrower, however owing a lot of money on numerous accounts can be a red flag that you are financially overextended and more likely to make some payments late or not at all.

### 15 percent: Length of Credit History

A longer credit history will typically increase your FICO score. It shows that you can responsibly manage your available credit over time.

### 10 percent: New Credit

This is very recent history, based on your efforts to obtain loans or credit lines in the past few months.

### 10 percent: Types of Credit in Use

This represents the mix of credit you hold, including installment loans (like car or student loans), leases, mortgages, credit cards, etc. While a healthy mix will improve your score, it is not necessary to have one of each, and it is not a good idea to open credit accounts you don't intend to use.



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**JOSEPH ARYGLE LEONARD** spared no expense when he built his family home at 891 Union St. in Alameda. He set this home on three choice lots along San Francisco Bay. The home's foyer, left, invites a visitor into the formal living room, left, an excellent starting point for entertaining guests. The home also has a large ballroom where — it is said — Caruso and Janis Joplin once sang.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANSKY

## Leonard

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The brown shingles bespeak a dawn of a new century and modern styles. Queen Victoria's reign and the era that bore her name came to an end with death in 1901. By then the Leonards had moved on. In December 1900 Leonard sold the house to his friend and fellow yachtsman George W. Emmons, says Minor. Emmons, who owned a San Francisco yacht company helped pioneer the automotive industry as president of a company that manufactured gas and diesel engines.

The home's current owners, Cary and Johanne Dictor have cherished their time here. "We have treasured the opportunity to serve as caretakers for this wonderful house," said Cary as he recounted stories of the home's past owners.

These include the aforementioned George Emmons, who was the first to subdivide the property. He created Palmera Court in one of Alameda's early landfill projects.

Johanne recalled the 1960s when the top floor was removed. "This was likely done as a compromise," she said.

There were plans afoot to "tear down that old home at the end of Union Street" as just one more of

Alameda's Victorian-era white elephants, she remembers.

Cary related the story about the rains coming just when workers had exposed the top floor. In a panic the owner rushed to cover the floor so water wouldn't seep into the rest of the house.

They had to call in the Alameda Fire Department to help place the tarps. This led to one of our urban legends: The home at 891 Union St. had once burned. "The home never burned," Cary said. "But once, I had to go out into the street and correct a tour guide who was explaining to a group of people that the home had burned."

Urban legends die hard.

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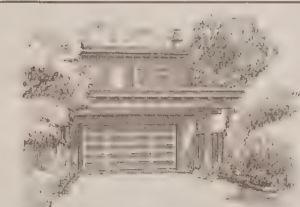
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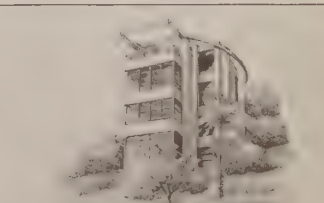
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## Mediterranean-style home in Oakland's Upper Rockridge district



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The home retains its original elegance and features a distinctive Spanish-tile roof. On the main floor, there are three bedrooms and two baths, as well as kitchen, living room with gas fireplace and formal dining room. The living room has an attractive view of Mt. Tamalpais and the Bay. The dining room's French doors open out to an professionally landscaped backyard with beautiful plantings and private patios plus a generous potting shed. Downstairs has a large room and bath for au pair, office, or bedroom, with a separate entrance. There is also a two-car garage with additional storage space. Close to Rockridge shopping and BART.

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Listing agents: MillsteinAssociates, Lorraine Osmundson, 510-526-4566, and Linda Lipscomb, 510-295-8168. See [www.MillsteinAssociates.com](http://www.MillsteinAssociates.com).

## A gardener's work space can be functional, decorative

BY LUCY PERRY  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

If you're hardening off plants in your basement or taking up garage space with old pots, dangling hoses and bags of mulch, consider a potting shed.

Both functional and decorative, these outbuildings are where America's love affair with gardening intertwines with a gardener's need for organization. As gardening continues to grow in popularity, potting sheds are becoming a key feature in the backyard landscape.

Carolyn Hinkle considers her potting shed "gardening central" at her Independence, Mo., home. It's where she harvests the perennials she raises for the Independence Garden Club's pre-Mother's Day plant sale; last year she potted 750 of them.

"I do utilize my shed a lot," says Hinkle, whose husband, Larry, designed it after the two spotted one they liked at a home show. The couple had the structure built by a local company four years ago. "We used some of their basic plans but told them how we wanted it to look," said Carolyn Hinkle.

Hinkle wanted her 16-by-10-foot potting shed to face the back of her house. From that position, she says, "you're looking toward your house so if someone is trying to get your attention, say, for a phone call, you'll see them."

Many potting shed owners say two elements are important: light and water. Hinkle says of the two, water is more critical. "You want to have water access. Now I have electricity because (starting) the first of April, I'm out there many times till 9 at night," she says. "But, you can get by without electricity, not water."

Hinkle's husband designed the shed with a pitched roof. "My husband and the builders got to thinking it could get hot with a little old short roof."

Besides the front door, the shed

also has a large side door where a concrete ramp allows Hinkle to run a cart in and out.

"Maybe I have a big wheelbarrow and I'm mixing soil and it starts to rain. I can run the barrow right into my potting shed."

The shed's floor is concrete as well. "I wouldn't be without it," Hinkle says. "You'll (store) bags of soil or fertilizer, and they can take on moisture. Plus, you can get critters, especially ants, in there. You're lessening that if you have concrete."

For most of her gardening work, Hinkle uses a potting bench under one of the shed's two overhangs. She stores her hand tools in the bench, keeps her larger digging tools on hooks inside, devotes the shed's shelves to gardening work and hangs her 23 soaker hoses across the boards in the pitched rafters.

But one piece of landscape equipment has been banished from the shed: "We don't use it for storing lawn mowers. If you do, you'll have a storage shed."

Johnson County, Kan., master gardener John Stewart finished his potting shed last April, minus electricity and water. Stewart and his wife, Jody, looked for a garden focal point for some time before settling on a potting shed.

"We thought about an arbor, but then my mother-in-law brought over a Better Homes and Gardens magazine and said, 'Look at these potting sheds.' We ordered the plans." The Stewarts' shed is an 8-by-11-foot replica of an English security building at the front of an estate, says Stewart. "The thing that attracted us was, first, it had lots of glass in it, and second the one featured was made out of recycled materials."

Although the Stewarts adjusted their plans to meet both Prairie Village and their home association's codes, they made the shed a recycled labor of love.

"There are three storm door in-

## DOING IT YOURSELF

If you're designing the space yourself, trust your instincts. Think of your personality, the things you and how you'll use the space. Allow enough space so that you can move around.

Avoid facing the structure west, cause of the heat generated from the sun.

Consider temperature fluctuations. The potting shed should be well-ventilated, especially if you're working with seedlings. Keep a handy in the winter to ward off mildew and circulate the air.

Running water is a must; electricity is to have.

Install work surfaces and floors can be easily cleaned.

Incorporate recycled materials, ever possible.

Seedlings need lots of light, preferably natural sunlight. If your plan doesn't include lots of windows, consider installing grow lights or a few fluorescent tubes that can be angled from the ceiling.

Allow for space and tools to store work surfaces and containers. Maintain a clean work space to prevent the spread of disease to tender seedlings.

Sources: Floyd Hooper, Carolyn Kie, John Stewart, Andy Newcomb, Lala Kumar, horticulture specialist.

Serts I collected on heavy trays from various places in the Stewart says.

"One window came out of a house where we put in a glass window," Stewart says. "One boss took out a window salvaged it. The wood I recycled of some decking. The shingles leftovers from the last time I had house roofed."

Stewart's original plans call

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## Buyers should not disturb seller without an agent

## ■ What is proper home buying etiquette?

JANAN NEWS

Recently, a home seller who valued her privacy was unpleasantly surprised when she found a prospective home buyer in her backyard. The buyer was not accompanied by a real estate agent. The seller was very upset. She had listed her home for sale with a real estate agent because she didn't want to interact directly with prospective buyers.

Even after the "Do Not Disturb Occupant" sign went up, some buyers attempted to gain access to the house without an appointment. The seller kept track of these people and vowed not to sell to any of them.

**HOUSE HUNTING TIP:** It's natural to be excited when you hear about a new listing. But, showing up at the front door unannounced is usually not the way to win a seller's heart. If the house is shown by appointment only, make sure that your agent calls the seller in advance. Adhering to reasonable home buying etiquette will go a long

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way to convince the sellers that you're a buyer they'd like to work with.

Buyers with small children can have difficulty finding a sitter on short notice so that they can take a look at a new listing. In most cases, it's fine to bring children with you to a property showing, although you may find it distracting. But, if you do, be sure to keep your children in tow.

One seller returned home after his home was shown and found his children's toys strewn all over the house. He called his listing agent and complained bitterly. The incident left a bad impression in the seller's mind.

Home buyers shouldn't have to keep their real estate agent in line. However, it's wise to make sure that

your agent's behavior doesn't reflect poorly on you. One agent who couldn't find a sitter for his own children brought them along when he showed a listing to his client.

Another real estate agent who was showing the listing at the same time reported back to the seller's listing agent that the children ran around the house and yard unsupervised. This created a nuisance and a very unpleasant environment for showing the listing. The listing agent was livid.

In another case, an agent who was showing a hot new listing refused to let other agents and their buyers into the house. She even went so far as to tell the other agents that the listing was already sold, which was not true. This unethical behavior didn't endure the agent to the listing agent.

Ruthless and unprofessional tactics usually don't gain favor with the listing agent, whose opinions can have a big influence on the seller.

Buyers are often confused when they call a real estate office and have a hard time making an appointment to see a listing. Knowing a little bit about how the real estate business works may help you the next time you find yourself in this situation.

In most real estate offices, agents take turns answering calls. So, unless you specifically ask to talk to the listing agent, you're likely to reach an agent who's covering calls in the hope of generating business. Real estate agents usually work



DIAN HYMER  
House Hunting

on commission. If you already have an agent, another agent will be less than enthusiastic about showing you a listing.

There's nothing in it for him. Proper protocol would be to ask your own agent to show you the listing. If you don't have an agent, don't be offended if the agent you talk to on the phone requires that you meet at her office rather than at a vacant property. The agent has no way to know who you are.

**THE CLOSING:** This is done as a security precaution.

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## Reid

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## Ball

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Next time we'll look at interpreting your credit scores, ways to improve them and how the score affects your choice of loan programs and interest rates.

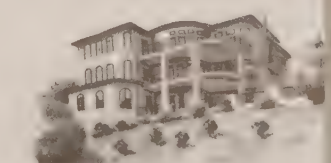
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# Wallflowers for years, Frank Lloyd Wright homes are a tough sell

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The spacious old house in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood seemed to be an attractive property.

The 90-year-old brick and stucco structure is 2,700 square feet, has four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths and sits on nearly half an acre — a large lot in the city. It also has the cachet of being designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, widely considered America's greatest architect.

But it seemed nobody wanted to buy the house, which had been on the market for about a year and a half. Until the owner took the unusual step of selling it at an auction.

The owner had discovered a hard truth about Wright homes in this era of big, open living spaces and spa tubs: They are difficult to sell.

Home buyers today are in search of huge master-bedroom suites, expansive kitchens and large family rooms, none of which are standard in Wright houses, mostly built from the late 1890s until his death in 1959. With the added cost of preserving an older historic home and the premium price tag placed on Wright houses, many languish on the market for years.

"Many people are interested in Frank Lloyd Wright properties. But not everybody really wants to live in one," said Jan Kerr, a real estate agent in Oak Park, Ill., site of many Wright homes, who has sold seven in her 26-year career.

Just ask Arlene Moran of Galesburg, Mich., about 160 miles east of Chicago. Moran's three-bedroom, two-bath home designed by Wright, on which she spent about \$160,000 for renovations, has been for sale for two years. "I've begged people to call me back after they've seen it and tell me what they consider not desirable," Moran said.

She has set a firm price — \$375,000 — to recover her costs, but Moran has refused offers from people who planned to use the house as a bed-and-breakfast or time-share vacation home.

"You need to have somebody who's going to take care of it," Moran said. "These people were interested, but I wasn't interested in them. These things should not be done to a work of art."

The owner of the Wright home in Rogers Park decided to put it up for auction as a last resort after the house failed to receive any offers, said Ken Goldberg, executive managing director of Sheldon Good Brokerage and the broker for the house during its last two sales.

People who wanted to live in the house thought the bedrooms were too small, and half of the prospective buyers were developers who thought the limitations on future development on the large lot were too restrictive, he said.

"It's been a very tough sale because it's overpriced. Secondly, the Frank Lloyd Wright house doesn't belong in East Rogers Park. It's out of place there," Goldberg said. "Had it been in Oak Park (Ill.), it probably would've sold 10 times. We took the price from \$2.5 million to \$1.9 million, and we still had resistance."

Some Wright home sellers have unrealistic expectations when setting their price and believe that a Wright-designed home entitles them to a 20 percent markup, said Ron Scherubel, executive director of the Chicago-based Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, which tracks the sale of Wright homes.

The owner of the Rogers Park home is Chicago-area restaurateur and developer Reza Toulabi, who bought the home and adjacent lot in 2000 for nearly \$700,000, ac-

cording to property records.

It sold at auction last week in eight minutes, for several hundred thousand dollars above the opening bid of \$750,000.

That sale marks the second known time that a home designed by Wright has been put up for auction, Scherubel said. The first was in the Cincinnati area, and it sold for \$400,000 in 2003 — half the price of the opening bid of \$800,000.

The Rogers Park home, in the 7400 block of North Sheridan Road, was built in 1915 for Emil Bach, a Wright enthusiast who co-owned a brick company. The structure reflects Wright's transition from the Prairie Style to his Usonian period, during which he created moderately priced homes with more open floor space.

The home has an adjacent yard that is zoned for low-density development, such as a two-flat or townhouses, which has been used as a selling point. The new owner does not have plans to build on the yard next door.

Several Wright enthusiasts said any development on the side lawn would not honor the architect's design. Frank Miller, 36, a banker whose family lived in the house from 1969 to 1978, said building a structure next door would change the way light filters into the home. Miller's father spearheaded the effort to landmark the home in 1977.

"The windows are designed to see certain things or have a certain view," Miller said. "The more you build around it, the more you take away from a piece of the puzzle of who Frank Lloyd Wright was."

The house's landmark status means city approval is required before any major changes can be made to it. Along with historic-preservation laws and challenges



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**THIS FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME** on Chicago's Far North Side has been a tough sell. The famous architect's gems stir the imagination but often leave buyers wanting more space for less cash.

by conservationists, Wright homes face another hurdle when they go on the market: They seem outdated to some potential buyers.

During Wright's career, most families spent time in the living room, and for some, servants cooked meals in far-off kitchens — a style of living that is out of step with today's demand for big, centrally located kitchens.

Maintenance costs for Wright homes also add up, with the newest houses about 50 years old.

"Anything you do to a Wright house is rather unique," Scherubel said. "Fix-up costs are marginally, incrementally higher in a Wright house because they're custom jobs. You don't go to Home Depot."

Yet while owners of Wright homes may find it takes longer to

sell than a typical house in the suburbs, there is still a niche market, said Tim Quigley, board president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy.

"Interest in Wright's work continues unabated," Quigley said.

"It's a mating game, just finding the right people for these houses is a bit of patient search, that's all."

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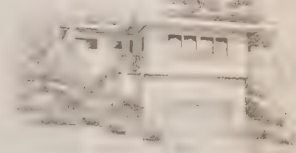


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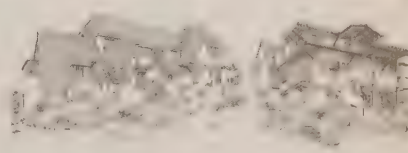
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**Q:** This winter, our gas furnace seemed to be on almost all the time, and the second floor never went above 60 degrees. The previous owner laid insulation across the top of joists. Could that insulation merely be keeping the space between the joists warm, letting our heat escape into the gap?

**A:** It might be the insulation, or it might be your heating system. For a forced-air system to work properly, the supply of warm air the furnace produces must equal the cold air returned to the furnace to fuel combustion. If there aren't enough return vents or if they are improperly spaced, air will race through your rooms to the furnace and down to the basement, creating a draft and minimizing warm-air delivery.

Of course, if the attic is not properly insulated, what warm air does make it to the second floor will almost immediately escape through the ceiling. And come summer, your air conditioner will work harder because the rooms below the attic won't be protected from the heat building up there.

Contact a heating contractor to determine whether the furnace is the right size for the house and whether there are enough correctly spaced returns for proper air circulation.

If the furnace isn't the problem, you'll need to bring in an insulation contractor, who will determine how much insulation is needed and what kind of insulation to install, based on standards established by the U.S. Department of Energy. The contractor should make sure that there aren't any gaps between the

insulation batts, and that the batts aren't compressed in the space, which reduces their efficiency.

**Q:** We have a large brick heat-vent stack in our small kitchen that takes up considerable space. Could I take off the plaster that covers the brick from floor to ceiling and expose the brick for architectural interest?

**A:** I assume I'd need to have the brick pointed to contain the exhaust emissions, but could I do the plaster removal in a weekend?

**A:** If your house was built before 1978, there might be asbestos behind or in the plaster. Take a small sample of the plaster and send it to a lab approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for testing. (See <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/> for general information about asbestos and its hazards; for local testing resources, call 800-368-5888.)

If the lab report comes back clean, seal off the kitchen completely - plaster dust gets into everything. Chisel the plaster off carefully, so you don't damage the brickwork underneath. And, yes, this is a job you can do in a weekend.

If any mortar is loose or missing, bring in a masonry contractor to point the brick.

**Have questions for Alan J. Heavens? Send them to The Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 8263, 400 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 19101 or aheavens@phillynews.com.**

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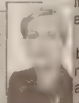
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Picture this. You have a real estate agent's card in your hand and you see "John Smith, CRS" or "Jane Jones, GRI". Sometimes there is even a veritable "alphabet soup" of letters behind the name, like Bob Doe, ABR, CRS, GRI. So, what are all those letters? What do they mean?

The letters stand for a designation earned by the Realtor whose card you are perusing. That Realtor put in a good deal of time and studied hard to receive that particular designation. A Realtor designation is awarded after the required courses are successfully completed. More than one set of letters denotes more than one designation.

NAR offers 18 programs that allow agents to gain these specialized skills. Space won't allow giving an overview of all designations, but here are some of the most frequently seen.

CRS is a Certified Residential Specialist. The Certified Residential Specialist designation is awarded to experienced Realtors, who complete advanced training in listing and selling. CRS designees benefit from a nationwide referral system and sales/marketing support.

GRI stands for Graduate Realtor Institute. These are agents who participate in the Realtor Institute Program and earn the GRI designation. They are members involved in residential real estate who want a solid base of information for their practice. These are top performers keeping up with new technology, laws and procedures.

The Women's Council of Realtors offers a designation designed to focus on current topics driving the marketplace. It provides real-world tools and skills to today's practitioners. The Performance Management Network (PMN) designation replaces WCR's LTG designation. It is earned through courses in negotiation, networking and referrals.

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# Feel at home faster after you move

A checklist to help new homeowners get settled

BY SCOTT THOMPSON

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Moving to a new community can be a great adventure, if you go with the right attitude and a sound strategy for settling-in. Incorporate these into an action plan, and you'll be focused, organized and proactive—just what's needed to put you down fast.

## Before You Go

■ Complete a change of address form with the post office, which can be done online at the United States Postal Services Web site, usps.com.

■ Send your new address to any publications you subscribe to, as it can take up to eight weeks for the change to become effective.

■ Contact the Visitor's Bureau for materials about your new town, which should include a map. Identify important routes, such as those between your home and your office or your child's school.

■ Make initial contact with child-care facilities. Depending on the area you move to, you may need to put your name on a waiting list.

■ If possible, enroll your children in school. Firm plans will reduce the stress.

■ Pack a box with essentials for your first few nights, such as prescription medicine, toiletries, a telephone, clothing, towels, toilet paper, and bed linen.

■ You'll also want to make arrangements for to have utilities transferred to your name or turned on. In addition, you will want to set up appointments to have services such as telephone, cable and high-speed Internet connected.

## Upon Arrival

■ For safety and peace of mind, change the locks. You never know who has a copy of the house key.

■ Locate emergency services—police and fire stations and the closest hospital.

■ Hang drapes or curtains to give you some privacy.

■ Select one room, perhaps the family room, as a place of refuge. Make it a cozy space, free of unpacked boxes, empty cartons or anything else move-related.

■ Stock the refrigerator with prepared entrees and the makings for no-fuss meals.

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## Move

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### The First Week

- Check with the post office to see if they are holding mail for you. Finish sending out change of address to credit card companies, clubs, associations, friends and family.
- File away all documents related to the move. You'll need them for verification of moving expenses at tax time.
- Call your waste removal company or department of sanitation for a trash collection schedule.
- Open a bank account and arrange for a safe deposit box, if needed.
- Obtain a local driver's license and transfer the vehicle registration.
- Register to vote. Call the local Board of Elections for information.
- Take a tour of your neighborhood to become familiar with your new surroundings. Learn the routes to work, school, grocers, etc.

### Help Your Children Adjust

- Maintain family routines. Kids will appreciate the continuity of family life.
- Involve the kids. Allow them to select new furnishings or decorate their rooms.
- Take your children to the local playground. If you move during the summer, it's likely they'll make friends there, which should ease the transition to the new school.
- Try to be home when the children return from their first day at school. Kids feel reassured when a parent is there to hear about their day.
- Watch for signs of adjustment problems. These can manifest as trouble making friends, academic difficulties, and irritability or depression.

### Get Involved in the Community

- Spend time outdoors. Neighbors may greet you and come by for sidewalk chats.
- Walk your dog in an area

where you see other dog owners congregating.

- Schedule an after-work coffee or dessert hour. Invite neighbors to drop by.
- Choose a place to worship and get involved; consider doing volunteer work.
- Select professional service providers such as doctor, dentist and veterinarian.
- Find out if your community has a Newcomers Club. Your local library is a good place to start.
- Join a club or take up activities you enjoyed before the move.
- Take a job-related class to develop new professional contacts and update skills.

Don't hesitate to contact your real estate professional for more ideas or information about your new community.

By re-establishing daily patterns and developing ties soon after arrival, your new environment will begin to feel like home.

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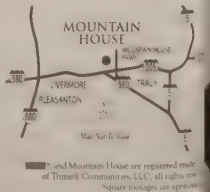


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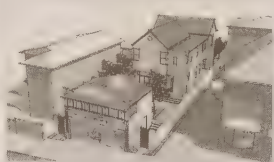
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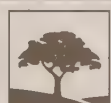
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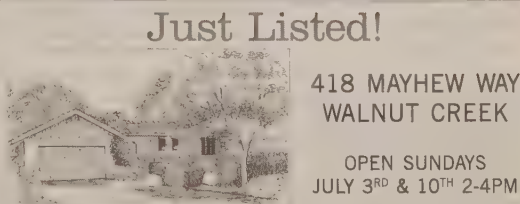
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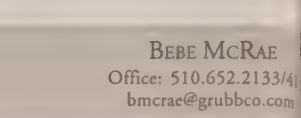
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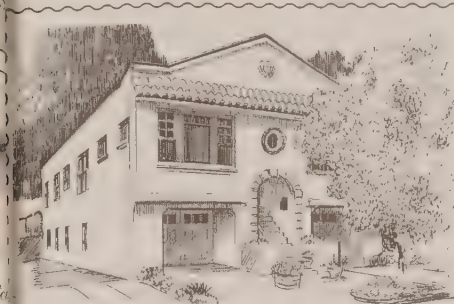
into April and May. It was a big problem in 2003 but not last year. It's a common problem in many established neighborhoods that were originally planted in 1950 through the 1970s, when there wasn't the resistant varieties we have today.

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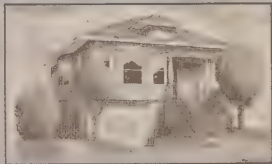
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# Getting closet savvy: Making thing easier to find makes life easier

Is your navy pea coat stuffed in your closet in between your cotton summer tees and vintage cocktail dress? Are your slinky stilettos parked next to your tennis shoes and ski boots? How good would it feel to have everything organized according to its purpose — formal, fashion, business, casual — and season?

With a little imagination and a lot of help from our organization experts, your closet doesn't have to be a nightmare every morning. "A major culprit of stressful mornings is the closet, especially for women," says Amy Purcell of Schulte Distinctive Storage, a leading supplier of innovative home storage and organization products.

"People stand in front of their closets wondering what to wear, and as soon as they figure that out, they can't find that special piece of clothing to complete the look," she says. The trick to getting organized is to find a plan and a system, and stick with it. Here's some more advice to get your closet in gear for the changing seasons and beyond:

Before you even think about organizing your closet, sort. It's one of the most important steps in the

process. Ask yourself, "Does it fit, does it flatter, and will I ever wear it again?" "And let's face it," says Purcell, "we all hold on to things that we love, but will absolutely never wear again." In fact, Americans wear only 20 percent of what is in their closet. The general rule is if you haven't worn it in a year, you probably never will.

Pitch clothes that are torn, outdated, stained or simply don't fit anymore. Pieces that need mending should be placed out of the way. All discarded clothing can be donated to a local charity like Dress for Success, a nonprofit organization that helps underprivileged women make a professional transition into the workforce. If you're looking for a little extra cash, post your old belongings on an online auction house, have a garage sale, or take them to a re-sell shop.

Before you toss everything back into your closet, commit to a closet organization system. These are not only an excellent investment for your home, but also for your sanity!

They can be purchased at stores like Organized Living and can be customized to include shoe racks, shelves, drawers and accessories. According to Purcell, choose the system with the greatest flexibility;

it will save you money down the road because it can be easily reconfigured for seasonal wardrobe changes and every fashion trend you care to follow.

"Adjustability is key to an organized closet. Make sure you're able to move things around as your needs change," she adds.

If you're fashion conscious, a basic wire storage system might not suit your tastes. Instead, look for today's newer systems — wood finished in white, maple or cherry with stylish, coordinating hardware. They last forever and you won't get tired of them.

"Try on" a number of closet designs before purchasing by visiting [www.schultestorage.com](http://www.schultestorage.com). The site's Design It Yourself feature allows visitors to design their closet based on the space's exact measurements in five easy clicks. The site will provide you with a variety of options, including configurations and accompanying parts, as well as price, which makes it easy to shop.

"When it comes to fashion, changing your mind is a woman's prerogative — the same goes for closet designs," Purcell says. So, when you're designing, ask yourself: Do you need more shelves for your wool and merino-blend

sweaters, additional shoe and boot racks or several more rods for all of your hanging garments? Do you need extra hooks for belts and leather bags? Everyone's needs are different, according to Purcell, but with today's extremely functional systems, everything from scarves to ties to evening wear has its place.

After you've installed your newly purchased closet organization system or modified your existing system with additional components, you're ready to put your closet back together and get your wardrobe in order for the season.

For fall, place swimsuits, flip-flops, sandals and sundresses in plastic storage containers or fold and stack these items on the upper-most shelves in your closet, out of the way to make room for comfy cool-weather clothes.

Lightweight garments that must remain hanging can simply be pushed to the back of the closet (out of sight). "We recommend separating clothes by category,"

says Purcell. "This is where adjustability is essential. You can easily move a shelf here and there without taking apart your entire closet."

Group your dress pants together, blouses, trousers, skirts and so on. Go a step further by organizing by color, too. For winter, push lighter colors to the back of the line-up and bring warm tones like gray, chocolate and black to the front of the closet.

These are pieces that you will likely wear more often anyway. To further maximize closet space and wardrobe accessibility, Purcell suggests the following:

- Be sure you have plenty of double-hang space in your closet; double-hang is two sections of hanging rods stacked vertically. Doing this instantly doubles your storage space and is perfect for hanging your favorite tees, jeans, trousers, camisoles and blouses that often get lost at the bottom of

a drawer. You'll wear them often and they'll look better.

- Put bathrobes on hangers along with ties, scarves and coats (the more hooks the better).

- Separate everyday outerwear like parkas, overcoats and breakers (consider a coat closet offsite closet in a spare room for these pieces).

- Fold sweaters (to prevent hanging marks) and shawls for easier storage.

- Add drawers to your closet sign — it's the perfect and convenient place for undergarments, socks and workout gear. This saves you valuable floor space in the bedroom.

- Group dresses in one (or on one rod) with casual, then cocktail and evening.

For more storage tips, Schulte Distinctive Storage, [www.schultestorage.com](http://www.schultestorage.com).

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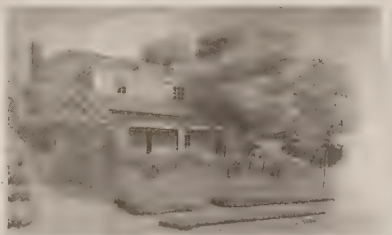
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## Sheds

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concrete foundation, but using his back as inspiration, he built a wooden platform on the ground with gaps between the planks, "so if I spilled something I could sweep it through the cracks in the floor."

Inspired by what he saw at a Cincinnati garden show, he "put littering on top of the shed, and he planted hanging plants in it."

The shed's small porch is mostly decoration. "It's designed more

windows on one side for plants and shelves on the other for storage and potting, it was designed with skylights as well.

"The windows open, and I have a window box above the door for impatiens every summer." Like Stewart, Hooper is a Johnson County master gardener and he, too, had planks installed above the ground for flooring, but he had drainage in mind in his design. "I put a lot of plants out there in the winter time, and I water them, so the water goes through the crack."

Situated behind the house, the shed-greenhouse combo sits com-

his parents' help. A photo stylist for Hallmark for 20 years, he says the 8-by-8-foot outbuilding in his Kansas City back yard has evolved into less of a gardening work station and more of a home for his collection of photo props.

"I didn't have an overall grand plan when I started working on the yard, but one thing led to another," he said. "I started by building a fountain with Mom and Dad, and we thought a potting shed would be great back in the corner."

Newcom, who has his father's penchant for architectural research, has collected things over the years

that have found a home either in or around the shed. He scavenged a window from neighbors who were redoing their kitchen.

His aged work bench came from the lumberyard in a small Missouri town. He even has a bust of someone sitting inside the structure, and he "takes guesses of who this person is."

A candle chandelier, found in Omaha, Neb., hangs from the ceiling inside the shed, which sports a brick floor and an old zinc-trimmed stained-glass door.

"I have little bits and pieces from trips I've been on. I'm looking all

the time for things for both work and myself.

"Then I have shelves on the north wall filled with containers—vases, jars, things like that—for flowers to go in. I shoot a lot of flowers for work." Newcom's shed won a national contest for Country Gardens magazine, and his yard was on the Design Industry Foundation's Fight AIDS garden tour last year.

"And it's because we did it completely out of our love for creating. These things are all things I like to do: the flowers, my gardens, and building with Mom and Dad. You follow your passion and when you do that, you're successful."

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BY NEWCOM'S backyard potting shed, which also serves as a seat for reading and relaxing

putting pots on," says Stewart, who built shelves at different levels for hardening off plants that starts in his basement during the winter. He put shelving in front of windows so he could set out seedlings to thrive on the sunlight. The greenhouse in Floyd Cooper's Overland Park, Kan., back in 1998 was falling apart, so he had a new gardening work space built in 1998. "I wanted it to blend with the property and the house."

Hooper says his 14-by-10-foot building is a combination potting shed and greenhouse. With

fortably in the landscape. "The garden flows on either side around it," says Hooper, who incorporated a winding flagstone path leading to the shed.

"It's very functional but quite decorative," he says. "I hang tools on the wall, and the lawn mower and heavy things go under the benches. I also built a concrete ramp up to it so you don't have to lift the mower into it." He's put in an arbor, too, complete with a swing, "to complement the potting shed."

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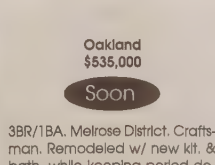


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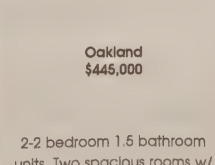
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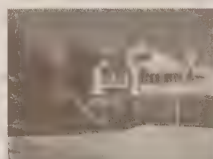
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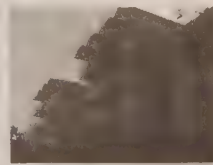
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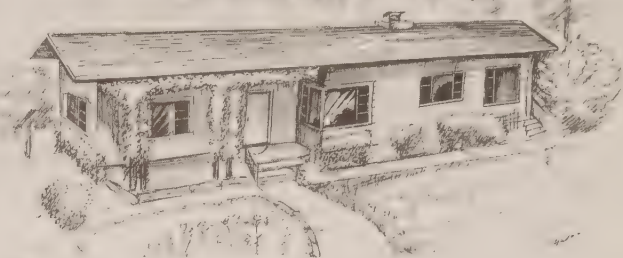


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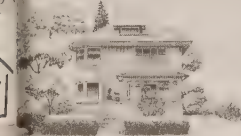
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So when the rainy season persists, several applications are necessary. The fungicide is applied just as the new flush of leaves are about to open. Although for many homeowners, the large trees are difficult to spray hence they are rarely treated. Anthracnose rarely has a serious or damaging effect on the long-term health of the tree. It's more of a nuisance having to pick up the leaf drop and the bare branches are unsightly. In wet spring, you need to be patient. The problem solves itself, once the rainy season concludes and temperatures return to normal.

**Q. Can you give me some hints on growing big pumpkins? How much water and fertilizer are necessary to increase their size?**

A. Pumpkins need a large space to grow in as the vines and roots spread out wide and far. Hopefully, you have mixed in lots and lots of organic matter into the planting area. Good drainage is a must as pumpkins like plenty of moisture; otherwise, you'll find the immature pumpkins will rot on the vine.

Feed them at planting time with Dr. Earth Vegetable Food with a follow up application in eight weeks. Pumpkins produce male and female flowers so hand pollinate them when you see the female flowers form along the stem.

They are easy to identify by the bulb-like structure at the base of the flower. After the pumpkins form, pinch back the growth on the vines. This will put more energy into the existing pumpkins. I'd also raise the maturing pumpkins off the ground with a layer of straw. Rotting can occur were the pumpkins come in contact with the soil. Once they color up you can harvest them early but leave some of the stem on the pumpkins.

**Q. After flowering beautifully, the apricot trees at our new house have us concerned. Branches are dying, leaves are wilting and a thick clear sap like substance is oozing from many limbs. I've cut off all the obviously diseased wood. Did I inadvertently spread the problem by pruning in January? What else can I do to save these trees?**

A. Wilting leaves, oozing sap and die back shortly after the new growth emerges, are classic symptoms or indicators of root rot. There is a direct relationship between the below ground root system and the top growth it supports. When a portion of the roots dies an equal amount of the top growth is also lost. Unfortunately, it doesn't occur concurrently.

Fruit trees don't show any signs of root rot problems until months after the fact. The problem you are experiencing occurred last year. In the Bay Area, the primary causes of root rot are excessive summer moisture and clay soils that drain poorly. Established fruit trees like apricots, cherries, plums, peaches and nectarines are watered deeply once every two to three weeks. These fruit trees make lousy lawn trees. Also, we find plants that require constant summer moisture, mistakenly planted under their canopies.

The first step is to remove the dead and dying branches and water deeply but not often. After that, you just have to be patient and wait it out. Your January pruning had no effect on this problem but it could lead to another issue. Apricots are susceptible to a disease called Eutypa Dieback. This disease infects during wet damp weather before the pruning wound have a chance to callus over. With Eutypa you also get sap oozing and die back however it doesn't show up until mid-summer. To avoid this, prune your apricots in the fall anytime after Labor Day.

**Q. There are brown spots in my lawn. I've pulled up some of the dead grass and found a beetle like bug in the soil. The fertilizer plus insecticide has not helped the problem. How do I get rid of the bugs?**

A. It's not unusual to find bugs in turf areas and it doesn't automatically mean that they are the cause for grass to die. Actually, I

don't think they are causing the problem. It's too early for lawn insects to be active. Usually, the activity starts after several heat spells when the temperatures are in the mid 90s to low 100s and so far that hasn't occurred this year. One simple test is to grab a handful of the dead grass and tug on it. If lawn in-

sects are feeding on it, it should separate easily from the ground as the insects separate the grass blades from the roots.

If the dead grass blades were still attached to the roots, I'd suspect lawn fungus, irrigation issues or a female dog. I would take a 2-inch by 2-inch by 1-inch deep sam-

ple of the area into your favorite garden center for a second opinion. Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers. His Web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com).

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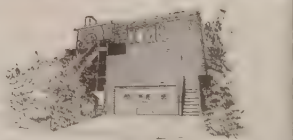


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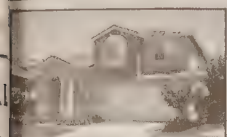


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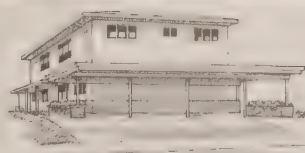
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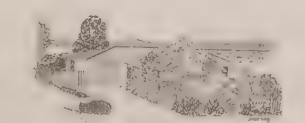
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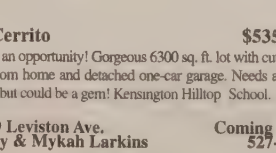
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\$475,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. #260	2 BD/1.5 BA	Sun 2-4	The Willows Alameda Realty
\$525,000	3406 Brithorn Ln.	3 BD/1.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$535,000	388 Anchor Way	2 BD/1.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$535,000	388 Anchor Way	2 BD/1.5 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Raven's Cove Gallagher & Lindsey
\$579,000	1626 Broadway	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates
\$589,000	1190 Brown St.	2 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$595,000	452 Naight Ave.	2+BD/1+BA	Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$599,000	1217 Porta Ballena	2 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4	Ballena Bay Harbor Bay Realty
\$599,000	1818 9th St	2BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Gold Coast R.E.
\$599,000	1843 8th St.	2 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$669,500	1713 Oak Street	3+BD/1.5 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$674,000	3292 Washington St.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat 2-4:30/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$679,000	1539 High Street	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates
\$679,580	2604 Otis Drive	3 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4	East End Harbor Bay Realty
\$718,000	186 Orr Rd.	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 1-4	Bay Farm Island Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes
\$729,000	1726 Lafayette St.	3+BD/2 BA	Sun 1-5	Central Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes
\$729,000	880 Portola Ave.	2 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4	Centennial Real Estate
\$739,000	1015 Taylor Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$790,000	8 Cerruti Ct.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates
\$799,000	2047 Whitehall Pl.	4 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	South Shore Harbor Bay Realty
\$799,000	342 Pacific Ave.	3 BD/1 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$835,000	1034 Pearl St.	3BD/2BA	Open Sat. 10-4:30	Preferred Real Estate
\$849,000	1409 9th Street	4 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$869,000	1312 San Antonio Ave.	3+BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4	Gold Coast Alameda Realty
\$885,000	2009 San Antonio Ave.	3 Units	Sat/Sun 2-4	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$895,000	3012 Bayview Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4	East End Harbor Bay Realty
\$898,500	633 Rock Isle	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4	South Shore Harbor Bay Realty

## Alameda

\$920,000	3 Oyster Shoals	4BD/3BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Harbor Bay The Grubb Co.
\$949,000	2811 Windsor Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Fernside Marina Harbor Bay Realty
\$949,000	42 Applegate Way	4 BD/3 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$969,000	14 Wellfleet	4 BD/3 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates
\$349,995	545 Pierce St #3103	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4	Keller Williams Realty
\$440,000	417 Evelyn #201	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	Security Pacific
\$360,000	30 West Rose	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
\$1,100,000	994 Euclid Ave	6bd/5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty
\$1,200,000	439 Spruce St	5BD/4BA	Sun 2-4:00	Berkeley Hills Realty
\$1,200,000	956 Arlington Ave	4BD/2+BA	Sun 2-4:30	Prudential
\$1,225,000	1915 A,B,C Oregon St.	-bd/-ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
\$1,395,000	817 Mendocino	3++bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty
\$240,000	2550 Dana St. #2E	1bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Senior 55+Co Thornwall
\$250,000	2550 Dana	1BD/1BA	Open 2-4	Pacific Union GMAC
\$529,000	2911 King St.	3bd/1ba	Open Sat/Sun. 2-4	Prudential
\$539,950	1222 Carleton St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Choice Realty
\$539,950	1222 Carleton St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30pm	Choice Realty
\$575,000	2924 Hillgass Ave	2+BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	Elmwood Berkeley Hills Realty
\$588,000	2012 Hearst Ave. Unit A	2bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty
\$589,000	2430 5th St. Unit D	1+bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty
\$595,000	1539 Acton St	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens
\$599,000	2336 Hilgard Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$625,000	1417A Spruce St.	3 BD/2+BA	Sun 2-4:30	La Maison
\$650,000	2310 Russell St	3BD/1.5BA	Sun 2-5	Marvin Gardens
\$699,000	2998 Shasta Rd.	4bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Tilden Park Thornwall Properties
\$749,000	1208 Ordway St.	3BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker
\$799,000	1945-47 Francisco St.	Duplex	Open Sun. 2-4	Gourmet Ghetto Thornwall
\$819,000	1837 Prince St	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$825,000	744 Keeler Avenue	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$849,000	2224 Rose Street	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$875,000	2209 Rose St.	2+bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
\$985,000	2211 Rose	2+bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty

## Berkeley

\$998,000	744 Grizzly Peak	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$1,399,000	2919 Fulton St.	-BD/-BA	Sun 2-4	FOURPLEX Coldwell Banker
\$1,175,000	8341 Kent Court	3BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 1-4	Prudential California Realty
\$525,000	1003 Liberty Ct	3+BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	Target Realty
\$649,000	1313 Navellier St.	3BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$775,000	556 Kearney	2BD/1.25BA	Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$649,000	4393 Fieldcrest Dr	3BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 1-4:30	Prudential
\$968,000	51 La Paloma Ct.	5 BD/3 BA	Sat/Sun 1:30-4	Gallagher & Lindsey
\$775,000	1050 45th St.	-BD/-BA	Sun 2-4:30	Triplex Pacific Union GMAC
\$109,000	29423 Middleborough Way	2 BD/2 BA	Sun 1-4	Mobile Home
\$588,000	1468 Thornwall Ln.	4 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates
\$549,000	531 Kenyon Ave.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
\$653,900	416 Berkeley Park Blvd	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Red Oak Realty
\$799,000	728 Moraga Road	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4	Prudential California Realty
\$1,049,000	1061 Hubert Road	3BD/1+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.
\$1,249,000	26 Shawnee Court	4BD/4BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Hillcrest Highlands The Grubb Co.
\$1,299,000	5800 Westover	3BD/3.5BA	Sun 2-5:00	Montclair
\$1,574,900	5980 Girvin Dr.	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4:30	Richards Realty
\$1,850,000	5801 Buena Vista Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co.
\$2,695,000	73 Beechwood Dr.	5BD/5+BA	Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker
\$3,750,000	1555 Grandview Drive	5BD/4+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Hills The Grubb Co.
\$299,000	567 Oakland Ave. #206	1bd/1ba	Open Sat/Sun. 2-4	Piedmont Ave
\$349,000	1912 88th Ave	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	C21 Heritage
\$355,000	2123 25th Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	Fruitvale Thornwall Prop.
\$365,000	2807 Truman Ave.	1 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4:30	Single Fam.
\$375,000	1905 69th St.	2bd/1ba	Sun 2-4:30	East Oakland MBH
\$389,000	4576 Thompson St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel/Melrose
\$400,000	1937 9th Ave	3BD/2BA	Sun 1-4:00	New China Town
\$400,000	5311 Wentworth Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 1-4:00	CP Yang/Mimi Falge
\$475,000	3162 Coolidge Ave. A & B	2BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30	2nd Unit 1bd/1ba
\$485,000	1026 East 19th	2BD/1BA	Sun 1-5	Lake Merritt
\$495,000	180 Caldecott #219	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Parkwoods The Grubb Co.
\$499,000	2543 Monticello Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:00	Maxwell Park
\$539,000	1621-1625 E 38th St.	Duplex	Open Sun. 2-5	Glenview
\$549,000	3006 Modesto Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park
\$550,000	1702-1704 Filbert St	3+BD/2+BA	Sat 1-4	West Oakland
\$556,000	280 Caldecott Lane #210	2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Parkwoods
\$559,000	320 Caldecott Lane #329	2 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates

## Oakland

\$570,000	5315 Cole St.	4-Plex	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Foothill Montclair Better Homes
\$575,000	931 34th Street	4BD/3BA	Sun 1:30-4	Coldwell Banker
\$589,000	27 Rio Vista	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue Pacific Union GMAC
\$598,500	2221 88th Ave	5BD/3.5BA	Sun 1-4	Bancroft Help-U-Sell
\$599,000	4546 Malcolm	3BD/2BA	Open Sat-Sun 2-4:30	Keller Williams Realty
\$625,000	1912 Tiffin Road	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakmore Prudential
\$635,000	54 Sereno Cir	2bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Redwood Heights Montclair Better Homes
\$639,000	1322 83rd Ave.	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Elmhurst Montclair Better Homes
\$639,000	799 Mandana Blvd.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands Montclair Better Homes
\$649,000	384 Palm Ave	2+BD/3+BA	Open Sun 2-5	Assist-2-Sell
\$650,000	5109 Manila Ave.	3bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty
\$669,000	4137 Lyman Rd.	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakmore Area Montclair Better Homes
\$695,000	322 Clifton Street	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Rockridge Lawton Associates
\$699,000	5433 Carlton Street	4+BD/2+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Rockridge Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$719,900	4811 Telegraph Ave #508	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 1-5	Temescal Lawton Associates
\$729,000	5831 Ross St.	3bd/2ba	Open Sat./Sun. 2-4	Rockridge Prudential Claremont
\$749,000	6623 Chelton Drive	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair The Grubb Co.
\$749,900	743-749 55th St.	4-Plex	Open Sun. 2-4:30	North Oakland Prudential
\$759,000	3951 Lyman Rd	3BD/1+BA	Open Sun 2-5	Oakmore PBO Real Estate
\$768,000	8050 Paeeton Drive	5bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills Prudential
\$769,000	5901 Leona Street	5BD/4BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills The Grubb Co.
\$769,000	721 Rosal Avenue	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.
\$795,000	5869 Chabot Ct.	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4:30	Rockridge Pacific Union GMAC
\$799,000	2032 Leimert Blvd.	3BD/3BA	Sun 2-4:30	Oakmore Coldwell Banker
\$799,000	5909 Almaden Lane	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair Prudential
\$829,000	6656 Dana Street	3+BD/1.5BA	Open Sun. 2-5pm	Rockridge Pacific Union GMAC R.E.
\$859,000	3908 Lakeshore Ave.	5bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Red Oak Realty
\$925,000	5345 Estates Drive	3+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co.
\$929,000	5511 Hilton	8 Units	Open Sun. 2-4	Maxwell Park Prudential
\$945,000	8285 Skyline Cir	4BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4:30pm	Oakland Hills Re/Max
\$969,000	8285 Skyline Cir	3.5BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4:30pm	Oakland Hills Re/Max E Bay Hills
\$999,000	1422 Glenfield Ave	3BD/2BA	Open Sat./Sun. 2-4:30	Keller Williams Realty
\$625,000	3940 Archmont	3BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	Millmont Coldwell Banker
\$789,000	4844 Trinidad Ave.	3BD/3BA	Sun 1:30-4:30	Woodminster Coldwell Banker
\$850,000	1182 62nd St.	2BD/1BA	Sat. 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC
\$1,199,000	10073 Broadway Terrace	3BD/3.5BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Coldwell Banker
\$1,749,000	6171 Ruthland Rd.	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Coldwell Banker
\$1,750,000	1 Camino Del Cielo	4bd/3.5ba	Open Sun. 1-4	Prudential
\$2,495,000	115 Silver Oak Terrace	4+BD/3+BA	Open Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker

## Piedmont

\$1,295,000	212 Ramona Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$1,395,000	206 Scenic	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$1,795,000	1909 Oakland Avenue	4+BD/3BA	Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$1,800,000	190 Sandringham Road	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$679,000	54 Lake Avenue	2+BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$945,000	210 Magnolia Ave.	510-339-9290	Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker
\$399,000	1739 Dalessi Dr	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:00	Marvin Gardens
\$559,000	298 Birchcreek Vineyard	2BD/1BA	Sat & Sun 1-4	Security Pacific
\$259,000	3800 Via Verdi	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker
\$375,000	2716 Chanslor Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens
\$419,500	3511 Barrett Ave.	510-461-1111	Open Sun. 1-4	Help U Sell Berkley
\$429,950	6125 Rosalind Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 1-4:00	Security Pacific
\$535,000	6005 Tehama Ave.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4	Annex Millstein & Associates
\$559,000	6600 Kensington Ave	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens
\$385,000	644 Sterling Drive	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes
\$465,000	550 Maud	2BD/1BA	Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC
\$525,000	1054 Victoria	2 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$530,000	14008 Outrigger Dr.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 1-4	Marina area Keller Williams
\$625,000	340 Arroyo Ave.	3+BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Bayside Real Estate
\$629,000	957 Alice Ave.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes
\$639,000	14942 Crosby St.	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 1-4	Washington Manor Harbor Bay Realty
\$499,950	2943 11th St	510-461-1111	Open Sat/Sun. 1-5	Hercules Realty
\$520,000	1480 Drake Way	510-560-1111	Sun 1-4:00	Richmond Way Prudential
\$525,000	1519 Bayo Vista	510-235-1111	Sun 2-5	Marvin Gardens
\$699,000	418 Mayhew Way	925-333-1111	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
\$730,888	1016 Island Dr.	510-235-1111	Open 12:00 - 4:00	IEA Realty

## San Pablo

\$499,950	2943 11th St	510-461-1111	Open Sat/Sun. 1-5	Hercules Realty
\$520,000	1480 Drake Way	510-560-1111	Sun 1-4:00	Richmond Way Prudential
\$525,000	1519 Bayo Vista	510-235-1111	Sun 2-5	Marvin Gardens

## Walnut Creek

\$699,000	418 Mayhew Way	925-333-1111	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty
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## Alameda County

\$730,888	1016 Island Dr.	510-235-1111	Open 12:00 - 4:00	IEA Realty
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## ALAMEDA



**1713 OAK STREET \$669,500**  
**Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4**  
 This 3+ bedroom and 1.5 bath home shows pride of ownership. This home supports a newer foundation, roof, gutters/downspouts, freshly painted throughout, new carpeting upstairs and the grounds have been freshly landscaped. Has a brick fireplace in living room. Close to transportation and Park Street. Move-in condition!  
 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
**Bill & Griseida Bissett 510-748-1108**



**1015 TAYLOR AVENUE \$739,000**  
**West End Open Sat & Sun 2-4**  
 Attic expansion adds 3rd bedroom, 2nd bath, bonus rooms. Many architectural details including high ceilings, tall windows, formal rooms, wood floors. Includes high basement for future expansion. Hot tub, Deck. 6100 sq ft lot.  
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**East End Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30**  
 Seldom-available Raven's Cove town home! Well maintained town home with 2 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Features include updated kitchen & baths, spacious & bright rooms, fireplace, laundry area with washer and dryer, private patio with deck, and 2-car garage. Raven's Cove is nestled adjacent to the bay in Alameda's prestigious East End. Walk to shopping, transportation and the beach. Amenities include greenbelt, walking paths, clubhouse & pool.  
 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
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**342 PACIFIC AVENUE \$799,000**  
**West End Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30**  
 This property is on the market for the very first time. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full size basement and a 2-car detached garage. Huge corner lot and many elegant architectural details.  
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**Rolando & Coqui Basora 510-748-1166**



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 This impressive home offers you the charm of the past combined with modern upgrades that "Retained Grandeur of Turn of the Century Living". Plenty of room for entertainment. Located in Central Alameda, this Victorian is in excellent condition, with meticulous attention to detail and craftsmanship. Beautifully restored Eastlake Mansion, originally constructed in 1884, now featuring 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths, with income producing potential.  
 www.1906AlamedaAve.com  
 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
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**3245 ENCINAL AVENUE \$728,000**  
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 Newly remodeled home with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. New foundation and updated electrical. A loft, beautiful hardwood floors & staircase. New interior and exterior paint. This home is a must see!  
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**Eric Tam 510-748-1135**

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### Surprising Confessions from a 40-year Realtor

A few weeks ago I ran into an old acquaintance that was very proud of recently selling his home himself without engaging a professional. On further inquiry, I discovered the property had sold for close to \$100,000 under market. Some may say I have a bias, and this would be true. I have been representing buyers and sellers in real estate transactions as a Realtor for 40 years because I strongly believe in the service I provide. My question to you: Why would you even consider selling your largest financial investment without a professional? Yes, it can be done, but it's not very smart.

To be fair, there are discount services out there that will get you a decent amount of exposure. But this is only one ingredient to a successful sale. I believe the best results are provided by a Realtor with strong negotiation skills, a thorough marketing plan, essential knowledge of all the current legal requirements and contracts (so you will not, down the road, be at risk for a lawsuit), and the knowledge on

how to get the best price for your home.

In selling my own property in the past, some may be surprised to find out that I have always hired an agent to represent me. It is extremely important in negotiations, to have an unbiased professional representing you, someone at arm's length who can point out the positives of your property without being self-serving and can offer good advice when it comes to countering, accepting, or rejecting an offer. Would you represent yourself in a courtroom? You could save money if you did, but would it be worth the consequences? I strongly believe, representing yourself in the sale of your largest financial asset, is just not worth the consequences.

If you own a home in the bay area it means you've worked hard and invested well. When it's time to sell, enlist one of our professional Realtors and get the best price for your home. You deserve it.

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## ALAMEDA



**2394 MARINER SQUARE #B-13 \$575,000**  
**Barnhill Marina By Appointment Only**  
 Why not vacation at home? This wonderful water view 2+ bedroom 2 bath floating home boasts all the conveniences you want in a home. Including updated kitchen, family room, office and laundry but you may find it hard to leave the upper deck to enjoy any of them. Don't miss out on this beautiful getaway.  
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 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
**Signe Nelson 510-748-1103**

## ALAMEDA



**2629 EAGLE AVENUE \$925,000**  
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 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
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**Harbor Bay CALL AGENT**  
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## ALAMEDA



**216 SWEET ROAD \$1,250,000**  
**Harbor Bay By Appointment Only**  
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 www.SanFranciscoBayView.com  
 www.GallagherandLindsey.com  
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**\$550,000**  
**West Berkeley Mixed Use**  
 Median Sales Price 2004\*

### Neighborhood Focus: WEST BERKELEY

Situated directly across from the Golden Gate Bridge and bordered by Albany, Oakland, and Emeryville; West Berkeley has always been a socially, economically, and ethnically diverse community. Particularly, Denny Abrahms 4th Street pedestrian-friendly shopping mecca, which is a fabulous mix of fine dining establishments, specialty stores, low and high-tech companies, and brightly-colored Victorians, some of which date back to the 1880's back when this neighborhood was known as 'Ocean View'. With the recent addition of the bike/pedestrian bridge crossing at University, West Berkeley residents and visitors can enjoy easy access to the Marina from Aquatic Park.

### Selling your Mixed-Use Property?



Eric Tam is working with a very motivated client that is looking for a retail or mixed-used property. They have already written a number of all-cash offers and would love to find an exciting commercial property, in a busy shopping district, to buy. If you know of a property that fits this description and may be up for sale soon, please contact Eric Tam at (510) 748-1135.

**Eric has a buyer for you!**

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◆ West End Alameda - 1410 Webster Street ◆ East End Alameda - 2411 Central Avenue

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**El Cerrito By Appointment Only**  
 Huge backyard with charming house in front. Cute, clean and cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Walk to BART station for easy commute.  
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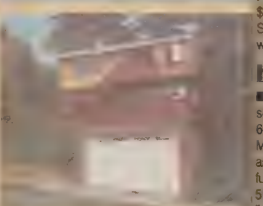
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# SPORTS

• Friday, July 1, 2005 •

Section C

## St. Mary's Murrey competing for spot on national team

By Ricardo Sanchez Jr.  
STAFF WRITER

Take a climb through Tarah Murrey's family tree and it becomes increasingly clear where the 6-foot-2 volleyball phenom gets her height and athleticism.

It starts with Murrey's mother, Barbara, who is also 6-foot-2 and played volleyball at San Jose State.

Murrey's father Douglas played on the Spartans' basketball team.

"He's 6-foot-5 and shrinking," said Murrey with a chuckle.

Her older sister, Brittanie, will play volleyball at UC Riverside this fall. She's 6-0.



**Tarah Murrey**

She has been playing volleyball since she was in the fourth grade.

At 15 years old, Murrey, an outside hitter at St. Mary's High School, could still be growing.

It must be in the genes.

Murrey was recently selected to participate in the USA Volleyball 2005 Girls National High Performance Camp. The names of the 27 players were announced on June 10.

The camp, which prepares some of its players for the 2007 USA Girls Youth National Team, will be held in Austin, Texas, on July 14-19. That team will participate in the NORECA Zonal Qualifier tournament for a chance to play in the 2008 World Championships.

"I love volleyball," Murrey said. "Just the little things, like the perfect pass, stuff like that. I used to play basketball but it wasn't for me."

Murrey parted with basketball's free-throw line and embraced volleyball, a decision which made sense if only because she had been playing vol-

leyball since the fourth grade.

Murrey's agility makes her a top prospect. She's a power hitter, and despite her height, she can play all the way around, including the back row.

It is on the back line where most front court players' weaknesses are exposed. But not Murrey, who gets the same kick out of making a great dig as she does on delivering a game-breaking kill.

That type of attitude toward the game is music to coaches ears and it may have been what attracted USA coach Kim Jagd of UCLA to Murrey at the USA High Performance Camp tryouts

in Reno, the site of one of 23 tryouts across the country during March and April.

At the camp, officials measured Murrey's vertical leap and her height and put her through drills.

Despite making the camp the last two years, Murrey had to try out again.

"I felt like I didn't play that good," Murrey said. "I wasn't hitting like I usually do."

It didn't affect the decision to choose her from a rich pool of talent from across the country.

Only Elizabeth Prang, a 5-9 setter from Los Gatos, and Katherine Douglas, a 6-foot out-

side hitter from Woodside, were selected from Northern California.

During the summer Murrey plays with the Golden Bears volleyball club and the team will travel to Utah next week to participate in the Junior Olympics.

As for college, Murrey said she has already received some interest from USC and it's a school she would love to attend, although she has three seasons of high school volleyball left to play.

"My real goal is to play college volleyball ... But I'm not thinking about the future, I'm just playing for now," Murrey said.

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#### BASEBALL

■ **Lamorinda Baseball Club** - Tryouts for 12U tournament team July 26-Aug 2, 5-7 p.m. at Burton Valley School, Lafayette. Players welcome from Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Players born in May-July of 1993 are eligible. Rick Rider, 925-260-4186. [rider@orionpacific.com](mailto:rider@orionpacific.com); Dave Rabin, 510-206-7686. [mmmrabin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmmrabin@sbcglobal.net). Visit [www.lamorindabaseball.org](http://www.lamorindabaseball.org)

■ **Oakland A's Summer Camp** - Baseball skills training camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25-29 for ages 8-13 at Caldecott Tunnel Field, Berkeley. Hosted by Dave Henderson and the Berkeley Lions, a non-profit sponsor of the Oakland A's baseball camps. \$325; includes jersey, tickets and guest appearances. Benefits the Berkeley Lions. Mike Adney, 510-528-4756. Visit <http://henducamp.hometeam.com/page1.html>.

#### WATER POLO

■ **East Bay Xplosion** - Summer Phenom Camp for girls grades 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 8-12 at Alameda Naval Air Station Gym in Alameda. \$185. Mark Anger, 209-380-5440; Sarah Burns 925-677-5364. Visit [www.leagueineup.com/ebx](http://www.leagueineup.com/ebx).

#### BASKETBALL

■ **Richmond Steelers** - Signups for fall season players and cheerleaders ages 6-14 6-8 p.m. Mondays July 11-18 at Manzanita Middle School gym, 33rd and Barrett Ave., Richmond. \$40 nonrefundable registration fee. \$250 total fee. 510-222-3693 or visit [www.leagueineup.com/richmondsteelers](http://www.leagueineup.com/richmondsteelers).

#### FOOTBALL

■ **Alameda High School** - Full contact skills camp for incoming freshman, July 11-14, 1-4 p.m., Thompson Field, Alameda. Kevin Hennessee 915-708-7504, Kevin McKenna 510-769-7126. Visit [www.hometeamfootball.org](http://www.hometeamfootball.org).

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### BOWLING RESULTS

#### Albany Bowl

**Men's high game/series (four games):** Mike Richards, 300/2024; Stephen Green, 267/959; Rob Denny, 266/952; Rhollin Castellano, 276/951; Joel Sheehan, 259/944; Jeff Cotton, 266/937; Garrie Yacap, 256/935; Leroy Stanfield, Sr., 277/932; Rusty Greiner, 279/928; Noah Berger, 259/925; Paul Reed, 256/922; Lou Cabello, 279/908; Willie Warren, 247/902; Mike McGhee, 244/900; Ed Coffey, 230/899; Latarras Bricley, 228/894; Leroy Stanfield, Jr., 266/890; Joel Sheehan, 236/888; Ralph Wilson, 257/878; Shaun Cole, 240/873; Kevin Emmott, 269/981; Larry Simpson, 266/870; Tom Diedrich, 222/864; Don August, 241/860; Dwayne Giles, 263/860. 3 Games: Wade Cyrus, 266/748; Kevin Lemott, 247/726; Larry Simpson, 258/710; Mike McGhee, 248/701; Greg Rech, 255/693; Joe Jison, 236/681; Dylan Law, 256/669; Justin Sekara, 233/668; Bernard Curran, 277/663; Vince Conn, 243/656; Scott Cash, 243/653.

**Women's high game/series (four games):** Tamara Lemons, 244/889; Stephanie Williams, 209/716; Loralee Del Rosario, 217/714. 3 Games: Liz Greiner, 223/618; Kathleen Winger, 206/614; Brenda Williams, 207/557; Ann Bowden, 182/534; Vicki Jobe, 503/530.

**Seniors men's high game/series:** Gene Valdivia, 196/527; Curtis Thompson, 214/572; Norman Riley, 113/545.

**Seniors women's high game/series:** Evelyn Clayton, 196/527; Marie Willard, 204/506; Verna Dabney, 80/514; Vera Kaufman, 195/505; Lope Hernandez, 170/481; Vicki Jobe, 195/481; Eunice Jackson, 12/476.



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY'S DANIEL SUPPLE pitched a three-hitter and struck out 11 against Antioch West in a 6-0 victory.

## Albany gets past the first round

■ **11-year-old team is impressive in a 6-0 win over Antioch West in the District 4 International Tournament**

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

The Albany 11-year-old All-Star baseball team dominated Antioch West 6-0 in the first round of the California District 4 International Tournament on Monday at University Village South Field in Albany.

Albany pitcher Daniel Supple pitched a three-hitter and struck out 11. Seven of the strikeouts were in the first three innings. Teammate Paul Kennedy had three RBI, including a two-run

single in the first inning that gave Albany a 2-0 lead.

In the second inning Albany scored three more runs on RBI singles by Jesse Santos and Kennedy, and a sacrifice fly by Supple. Albany scored the final run of the game in the fourth inning. Luke Rose walked and pinch-runner Jacob Kermish-Wells advanced home on three wild pitches. Nick Lamb, Albany's leadoff batter, scored two runs in the game, as did Rose.

Albany's defense was also top-notch. Second baseman Kermish-Wells produced a spectacular diving catch in shallow right field in the third inning for the third out. In the sixth inning, right fielder Garrett Freeberg caught a long fly ball for the first out, shortstop Lamb caught a line

drive for the second out and the final out was produced when Kermish-Wells handled a tough grounder and threw to first baseman Rose to end the game.

Results of Wednesday's game against Alameda #2 were unavailable at press time.

#### JUNIOR ALL-STARS

The Albany Little League Junior League All-Stars got off to a fast start in their District 4 second-round game with their North Oakland Little League counterparts Tuesday evening at Caldecott Field. But North Oakland rallied for five runs in the fifth inning en route to a 9-6 comeback win.

"They can hit well," Albany manager Anthony Freeman said of the North Oakland All-Stars. "They got a lot of seeing-eye hits

that went through the holes. We didn't make the plays on them."

There was nothing "seeing eye" about the hit that led off the bottom of the fifth inning, however.

With his team trailing 4-3, North Oakland's Eric Jaffe quickly tied the score by blasting a home run over the center-field fence.

Jaffe's home run began an onslaught for North Oakland. Adam Rosenbloom had a two run single and Charlie Sauter and Danny Passmore also had RBI singles, giving North Oakland an 8-4 lead.

Albany jumped to a 3-1 lead through two innings behind the pitching of Dylan Mattingly and

### ROWING

#### ROWING

The Oakland Strokes girls varsity eight crew, which includes Berkeley graduate Joanna Jacob, were just a few seconds off the course record in winning the Henley Women's Regatta June 18-19 in England.

After winning the U.S. Rowing Junior National Championship in Cincinnati on June 11, coach Derek Byrnes guided the Strokes to the regatta victory.

For the five seniors in the boat — stroke Ashley Jones (Skyline High School/University of Michigan), Sarah Moore (Piedmont/Harvard University), Lauren Hofmayer (Miramonte/Stanford), Tory Kaso (St. Joseph/UCLA), and Jacob (Berkeley/Brown University) — this was their final race before they head for college in the fall.

They finished an undefeated season and careers that included two national championships and numerous major regatta wins.

Byrnes will be going to Connecticut to help coach the junior women's national program.

The Strokes needed to adjust their technique and strategy to the Henley 1,500-meter course, a distance that is 500 meters less than the Strokes' normal race. As a result of the draw for the Peabody Cup, the Strokes had to row two races on June 18 to get to the June 19 semifinals and finals.

In the first of their races the Strokes defeated King's School Worcester by three to four lengths of open water while dropping their stroke rate in order to conserve energy after the race was no longer in doubt. In the afternoon the Strokes defeated St. Georges College in a virtual repeat of their first race.

Their victory put them into the semifinals against the Lawrenceville School crew from New Jersey, a crew who had won the U.S. high school championship this year.

Advancing to the semifinals along with the Strokes and Lawrenceville were The Kent School from Connecticut and Pymble Women's College, the Australian junior national champions.

The first semifinal race saw The Kent School upset Pymble in a very close race.

The Strokes then dominated Lawrenceville, winning by three lengths while dropping their stroke rate to prepare for the finals. The Peabody Cup Final started only 2½ hours after the semifinal.

As the finals time approached it was apparent that the weather would be a factor with the crews having to row into a gusting headwind, as well as having to row against the current.

The Strokes started on the "bucks" side of the river, the side that local rowers believe is harder to handle in the wind during the early part of the race.

The Kent School, starting on the "berks" side, started hard and the race was a virtual dead heat for the first 500 meters.

However, as the Strokes neared the "enclosure" area, the Strokes had opened up a lead which they continued to improve on until they won in a time of 5:07, only a few seconds off the course record, and their best time of the regatta.

Information provided by Steven Schiller.

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For questions, please call 510-748-1662 or 510-262-2738.

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## Baseball

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a clutch two-run single by Will Mullaney.

North Oakland came back to tie the score in the bottom of the third, only to see Albany go ahead 4-3 with a run in the top of the fifth.

Mullaney drew a walk to start the inning. He stole second, went to third when Mark Arakaki reached base on an error, and scored on Jamel Freeman's in-field out.

An error on a simple return throw from catcher to pitcher resulted in the game's first run, as Albany's Kenji Quides raced home from third base in the top of the first inning.

North Oakland responded in the bottom of the inning when Passmore singled and eventually scored on Jaffe's sacrifice fly.

Mattigley walked and eventually scored in the second inning for Albany on Mullaney's two-run single. Connor Freeberg also scored on that single. Freeberg went 2-for-3 with a walk

and scored two runs for Albany. Albany, a 5-2 winner over Martinez in opening-round play Monday, played Walnut Creek in a losers bracket game at Caldecott Field on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

## JUNIOR TOC

For 4½ innings of the championship game of the California District 4 Junior League Tournament of Champions Saturday, things were going well for the Albany Mission Reds.

Albany had a 6-2 lead over the North Oakland Reds at Caldecott Field and was in control of the game.

Then the roof caved in for the Albany squad.

North Oakland scored 11 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and didn't allow an Albany base runner in the next two innings to claim the championship with a 13-6 win.

"Awesome season — just one bad inning all season," Albany manager Scott McFadin said. "It shows you have to play all seven (innings). It shows North Oakland was a very worthy competitor. They earned it."

North Oakland (20-6) sent 14

to the plate in the bottom of the fifth inning and had four extra-base hits, including two doubles by Patrick Mell and a two-run home run by Stuart Johnson.

Albany (15-7) took a 4-0 lead in the second inning. Kenji Quides walked to drive in the first run, then Nana Yiadom hit a sacrifice fly for a 2-0 Albany advantage. John Chang then crushed a two-run double to left-center field. Albany increased its lead to 5-0 in the top of the fourth on an RBI triple by Quides, but North Oakland came back in the bottom of the inning with two runs on an RBI single by Adam Rosenbloom and a run-scoring double by Andrew Nelson.

In the top of the inning, Albany made the score 6-2 on an RBI single by David Shor. Chang was 1-for-3 with two RBI and Quides was 1-for-3 with a run and two RBI in the game.

Nick Kneafsy pitched the first three innings for Albany and allowed no runs and only one hit.

Staff writer Mike McGreehan contributed to this roundup.

## Calendar

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## SOCCER

■ **San Pablo Lady Cyclones** - 19U girls class III team looking to fill out roster for 2005 fall season. Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1996 and July 31, 1990. Victor, 510-697-2245.

■ **Contra Costa College** - Contra Costa College women's soccer team will host a girls soccer clinic 5:30-8 p.m. July 18-21 at the college fields, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Open to ages 7-14. \$65. Benefits the Contra Costa College women's soccer team. Call for registration form. Felicia Perez, 510-235-7800 ext. 4405 or fperez@contracosta.edu.

## SOFTBALL

■ **Oakland Vipers tryouts** - 16U A traveling team looking for pitchers ages 14-16 with high school or tournament team experience. Must be born in 1988 or later to be eligible for ASA tournaments. Paul Keener, 510-667-0533.

## BASEBALL

■ **East Bay Football Officials** - The East Bay Football Officials Association is seeking candidates for the upcoming prep football season. No experience required. Sam Moriana, 510-521-4121, Kevin Reed, 510-235-5249.

■ **Clayton Valley Eagles Baseball Club** - Qualified coaches sought for new 13U competitive tournament baseball team for fall 2005 season. Bob Banks, 925-672-0418, jr\_eagles@hotmail.com. Visit [www.eteamz.com/jr-eagles](http://www.eteamz.com/jr-eagles)

■ **De Anza High School** - Looking for girls water polo head coach, junior varsity girls and boys volleyball head coaches, varsity girls basketball head coach, junior varsity boys and girls soccer head coaches, junior varsity softball head coach and assistant varsity softball coach. Mail, fax or e-mail

letter of introduction, resume and three letters of recommendation. Jason Krolkowski, Athletic Director, De Anza High School, 5000 Valley View Rd., Richmond, CA, 94803. Fax: 510-223-7984. 510-223-3811 ext. 2535 or DAathletics@aol.com.

■ **El Cerrito High School** - Looking for junior varsity girls volleyball coach. Season runs Aug. 15-Nov. 10. Fax resume to 510-536-0376. Nathan Jackson, 510-332-5947.

■ **Dublin High School** - Looking for varsity and junior varsity girls volleyball coaches and freshman boys basketball coach. Shawn McHugh, 925-833-3305 or mhughshawn@dublin.k12.ca.us.

■ **Ygnacio Valley High School** - Needs head coaches and assistants for varsity and junior varsity baseball, boys and girls varsity and junior varsity soccer and girls varsity water polo in Concord. 925-685-8414 ext. 3622 or balestrierim@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

■ **Clayton Valley High School** - Cross country coach needed. Season runs Aug. 22-Nov. 15. Paid position; experience necessary. Boys water polo coach for season running Aug.

22-Nov. 1 and boys and girls lacrosse coaches for season running Feb. 10-May 22 also needed. Send resume to Pat Middendorf, fax 925-825-7859 or e-mail [middendorf@mdusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:middendorf@mdusd.k12.ca.us).

■ **Acalanes High School** - Seeking the following coaches: varsity girls volleyball head coach, varsity girls water polo head coach, football freshman and junior varsity assistants, junior varsity boys and girls tennis head coaches, junior varsity boys volleyball head coach and freshman and junior varsity baseball head coach and assistant in Lafayette. Randy Takahashi, 925-935-2600 ext. 217.

■ **Carondelet High School** - Accepting applications for a junior varsity water polo coach and junior varsity and freshman volleyball coaches. Call Mrs. Green, 925-686-5353 ext. 168 or e-mail [ggreen@carondeleths.org](mailto:ggreen@carondeleths.org).

■ **Northgate High School** - Needs varsity/junior varsity water polo coaches for the girls and boys teams. Walnut Creek. For girls, Eric Weber, eweberluis@hotmail.com; Chris Seely, 925-939-2755 or seely@astound.net. For boys, Jim McClelland, [jmcclelland@mdm-architects.com](mailto:jmcclelland@mdm-architects.com); Chris Seely.

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## FISHING REPORT

## PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Galia of the charter boat El Dorado said the salmon fishery has been very good, with the weekend producing the biggest salmon and highest scores since the season started. The fleet was below Half Moon Bay, fishing in 350 feet of water and returning early with limits. The smaller fish Galia and his crew caught Monday was more than 10 pounds with the majority ranging between 13 and 18 pounds.

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing also said the Bay Area salmon fleet has been working a large area of the San Mateo County coast line, with near limits and limits being the rule every day. The salmon have been averaging near 15 pounds with a lot of larger fish coming in up to 35 pounds. Out of Emeryville on Tuesday, 59 anglers on three boats landed 102 salmon to 28 pounds.

## THE BAYS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Stone said the pollack trawl have been yielding good numbers of striped bass with a few halibut. On Monday out of Emeryville, 16 anglers on two boats reported in with 16 limits of striped bass to 14 pounds, also adding three halibut to 18 pounds. Best action is resulting from drifting live anchovies.

James Smith of the charter boat Happy Hooker also has had success fishing for bass this week, particularly in the Berkeley Flats. On Tuesday they had 32 limits of bass and five halibut. A lot of sturgeon are being marked in the Morro Bay Fleet, but there's been too much wind to see any bite. Grass shrimp and ghost shrimp have worked for those willing to try. The west end of the Morro Bay Fleet is still the best area to fish. Santiago said that according to the tide table for the weekend, getting to the marina by 6 a.m. will make it easier to launch if you're alone.

Catching sturgeon this week were Eric Atkinson of Hayward (84 inches, 55 1/2 pounds) between the second and third rows with grass shrimp. Tim Schwartz of Martinez (84 inches, 74 pounds) in front of the Martinez marina on ghost shrimp. Ricky Chavez of Sacramento (54 inches, 53 1/2 pounds) in the second row on grass shrimp and Jim Strobel of Antioch (55 inches, 55 pounds) at the third row on a ghost/grass combo.

**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported last fishing this week due to the winds. A lot of sturgeon are being marked in the Morro Bay Fleet, but there's been too much wind to see any bite. Grass shrimp and ghost shrimp have worked for those willing to try. The west end of the Morro Bay Fleet is still the best area to fish. Santiago said that according to the tide table for the weekend, getting to the marina by 6 a.m. will make it easier to launch if you're alone.

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**THE RIVERS**  
**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING:** Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is fantastic with him and his clients producing many nice 2 to 6 pounders. They are using Pleasant tail Nos. 14 to 16 and Micro Fly Nymphs. Spin fishing is also getting old boys and crickets.

**FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE:** Portocarrero said anglers are catching king salmon, with limits being had on some days. Use Flatfish and bouncing rig. Watch for July to be prime time for the big King salmon.

## THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said Chum Island, Broad Slough and

Montezuma Slough have been good places to try for sturgeon with grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms being the favored baits. Stinger fishing has slowed down but anglers can still try for them at the Antioch Pier, where some 18 to 25 inches are being had using shad and sardines. Contra Loma Reservoir is a good spot for catfish, as is Orwood's Reservoir and Discovery Bay with anglers trying nightcrawlers and mackerel. Black bass can be caught at Orwood's, Discovery Bay and Frank's Tract using mackerel and stink bait. Harold, Nicolas and Michael Poulton helped Nick Vincent catch a 6-pound black bass on pile worms at the Antioch Pier and Sonny Brockman of Antioch caught two black bass totaling 8 1/2 pounds using nightcrawlers at Orwood's Reservoir.

## THE LAKES

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** The staff at Lake Chabot reported that trout fishing remains constant with morning and early evening bites around the lake. Trout anglers should go down by the dam in deeper water and shore anglers should use PowerBait. Trolling remains more of a challenge now that the water is warmer. Make sure to use some weights.

Bass action is getting better with more anglers catching them all around the lake using either artificial worms, nightcrawlers or crankbaits. Alder Point and Bass Cove remains the most consistent spots. Catfishing is slowly picking up with many anglers fishing at night and doing fairly well. Several limits were reported with the average being about 3 pounds. Look for better catfishing as the weather gets warmer.

**LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD:** The staff at Los Vaqueros said anglers are still taking early limits of trout, but they are getting a little harder as reduced water clarity slows the fishing. Anglers should use baits with a strong scent or add an attractant like Pautzke's Nectar. Chartruse PowerBait with an attractant is probably your best bet. Be sure to get a long cast into deeper water.

Trotting continues to be along the eastern shore line and covers to be the easiest and most consistent way to catch fish. Flashers and eye weights will affect your depth, so experiment with these until you find where the fish are. Combine a chrome or silver lure with something bright like an orange or blue.

The sporadic bass activity is probably due to some lingering post-spawn effects as well as a limited number of dedicated bass anglers. Many of the bass hooked are by trout anglers who just sort of happen upon them. A good place to start for largemouth is near the Rock Wall with crankbaits. If you want steeper, try trolling out by the buoy line near the dam.

**LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE:** The staff

at Lake Del Valle said the only consistent trout action seems to be coming from the Dam just a did last week. The lake is at its deepest out there, reaching over 100 feet in some areas. These cooler pockets will keep the trout a little more lively. Trollers should use a downrigger if they can. With a surface temperature of 75 degrees, getting below that warm layer is an absolute must. Use white Power Eggs if you want to bait fish or drag out the brightest lure in your tackle box to trolling. Whatever you do, go slow. For bass, dropshotting a plastic worm is working in the afternoon to evenings. Work the shoreline of the south end and early anglers should stick with crankbaits. The bass are settling into their normal routine so be on the look out for some strong bass action in the coming weeks. For catfish, baits like chicken liver and anchovies should do the trick. The bottom anglers will respond to the warmer weather and don't mind the murky conditions. Just be sure they can smell your bait.

**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:**

The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said bass anglers should stick to the Main Rec. Area for trout and are still being pulled from there but there are less anglers in the area. PowerBait is still finding success. Chartruse or White are your surest choice. Attractants can greatly improve your chances of catching fish, so don't be afraid to experiment. Not too many shore anglers are taking limits of trout any more. Trollers are still finding success. Scow Canyon, near the Dam and in front of the Main Rec. Area. Clown or Fretter crawler. Needlefish seem to be San Pablo favorites. Green and green can be a successful color combination as well. A set of small flashers can provide a lot of benefit while trolling.

Bass continue to prefer plastic worms in a variety of colors (purple, orange, black). Use a dropshot set-up with these. The most active time has been earlier in the day, as opposed to the afternoons. Give the pines a try first but be prepared to give other areas a shot. There have been reports from the shore near the docks at night and fishing continues to be worthwhile in that area. Bob Miller of Concord caught a 9 pound, 9-ounce largemouth from Wild Bear on an orange plastic worm. For catfish, get to back of Scow Canyon and use chicken liver or catfish using nightcrawlers or some mackerel but the liver has been the hot bait as of late.

**LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE:** Anglers seem to be catching a wide variety of fish, including catfish, bass, trout, bluegill and yellow perch. Nightcrawlers appear to be the most frequent types of fish as anglers seem to be catching them at a wide variety of locations all around the reservoir.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Steven Rea and Carrie Rickes, Knight Ridder; Brad Kava, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire and Ben Nuckolls, Associated Press; Anita Gaten, Dave Kehr, Ned Martel, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jami Bernard and Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Phoebe Flowers, South Florida Sun-Sentinel; David Kronke, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Carina Chocano, Kevin Crust, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad, Chris Vognar, Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Jay Boyar and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Carla Meyer, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan, Desson Thomson, Washington Post.

**THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKBOY AND LAVAGIRL IN 3-D:** In this 3-D adventure, karate-kicking SharkBoy and fire-spewing LavaGirl enlist misfit Max to save their magical land, now controlled by an evil presence and his henchman, Mr. Electric (George Lopez). Unfortunately, the film's story was dreamed up by director Robert Rodriguez's young son, and although Dad gave the screenplay a final polish, it's still clearly the work of a child — full of imagination, but utterly lacking in character development, pacing and narrative construction. — R. Butler. (PG: mild action, some rude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **D**

**"APRES VOUS":** In this French comedy, Daniel Auteuil plays a waiter who stops a man from committing suicide and then feels obligated to solve all of his problems. He discovers that being a Good Samaritan has its price. Intermittently charming and peppered with a couple of hilarious scenes, but ultimately the premise wears very thin. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **C+**

**"BATMAN BEGINS":** Director Christopher Nolan supplies the backstory behind not just the Batmobile, but the very psyche of the Caped Crusader. The story starts slowly and temporarily gets bogged down in psychological drive before turning into a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast includes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.) 2

hours, 10 minutes. **B+**  
**"BEWITCHED":** Disappointing, but what did we expect? The sitcom it's based on was magic in its own time, and though director Nora Ephron, who also doctored the script, tries to inject new energy, she's defeated by a plot that has nowhere to go. Moreover, Nicole Kidman, channeling Meg Ryan cuteness and doing a breathy Marilyn Monroe voice, is nowhere near as endearing as our beloved Samantha. Will Ferrell has some fun moments. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language, including sex and drug references, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **C**

**"CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY":** This smart, sassy, compassionate film invites the audience to recognize the universal in its sharply perceptive view of contemporary Roman life. Caterina, a lovely, intelligent teenager from the provinces, winds up, through the efforts of her father, in a vast and venerable school in Rome, whose students' parents are among the country's elite. — K. Thomas. (Not rated: some language, sensuality, adult themes; in Italian with subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **A-**

**"CINDERELLA MAN":** An out-of-season treat. Russell Crowe is in Oscar-worthy form as the humble boxer Jim Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, provided inspiration for Americans during the Depression. The film was directed by Ron Howard, whose interest in inspiration tends to grate. Yes, this is, like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspirational story, but Howard excels in telling of Braddock's gloomier times; that's the material that sticks and, thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Giamatti is winning in the role of Braddock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense boxing violence, some language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. **A-**

**"CRASH":** In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestles with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavily-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flaws and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B-**

**"5x2":** Marion and Gilles sit in a lawyer's office, calmly listening to the terms of their divorce, then repair to a hotel room for one final bout of bad

sex. This is the story of a couple's relationship, told backward from their divorce to their courtship. Director Francois Ozon ("Swimming Pool"), sets it up like a divorce mystery, in which what happened to their love will be eventually revealed in the final moments of the film. — C. Chocano. (R: language, strong graphic sexuality, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

**"HAPPILY EVER AFTER":** Everyone may be miserable in this funny, ribald, unexpectedly profound tale of two married men and their bachelor friend, but the joke and the tragedy is that they don't have to be. The mysterious fickleness of men is the dominant subject, and the movie is at its unnering best when it nails the separate lives of people who live together. Things so on too long, with one or two false peaks before an implausibly ambiguous ending. — T. Burr. (Not rated: language, adult sexuality; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B+**

**"HEIGHTS":** This ensemble drama, set during one day in Manhattan, focuses on an engaged couple who probably shouldn't get married. As predictable as the process of unraveling connections and secrets is, the movie is clever and absorbing enough to overcome its familiar structure. Plus, performances from the marvelous Glenn Close as a drama diva, Elizabeth Banks as her daughter and James Marsden hold our attention. Look for Rufus Wainwright in a languidly entertaining cameo. — M. Pols. (R: language, brief sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B**

**"HERBIE: FULLY LOADED":** Lindsay Lohan plays the famed VW Bug's new owner, Maggie Peyton, a recent college graduate with fantasies of being a NASCAR driver. The film floats by on a pleasant cloud of nostalgia, partly for the Herbie some of us loved as kids, partly for the lost youth of Lohan, seen here in all her curvy, red-headed loveliness before her recent transformation to blond stick figure. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B-**

**"THE HONEYMOONERS":** Despite a valiant attempt to bring the Kramdens and Nortons into the 21st century with a new twist — an all-black cast — this remake of the 1950s sitcom still feels woefully outdated. Do we really want to sit through the incessant and inane bickering of the Kramdens or, for that matter, watch Ralph (Cedric the Entertainer) embroiled in a series of unfunny quests to get rich quick? Mike Epps makes a sweet Ed Norton and John Leguizamo extracts the precious few laughs in this dull enterprise. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some innuendo and rude humor.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **D**

**"HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE":** This animated film, which boasts emo-

tional depth and mind-bending visuals, is mostly for adults. But by all means take the kids, even though they may have a hard time following the plot. The wizard Howl (Christian Bale) lives in an ambulatory home with a door that opens into any number of exits, including both sides of an ominously brewing war. Along the way, Howl's haunt picks up a stranger, Sophie (Emily Mortimer), a youngster transformed into an elderly woman who manages to help end the war, and reclaim Howl's lost soul and her own innocence. Other voice artists include Lauren Bacall and Billy Crystal. — D. Kronke. (PG: frightening images, brief mild language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **B+**

**"KICKING & SCREAMING":** Will Ferrell's performance as a coach who whips a team of pre-adolescent soccer misfits into shape is bright enough to light up an overly familiar feel-good story. The actor has the ability to generate sudden flashes of humor, such as when his character, a reluctant youth league soccer coach, is experiencing long-suppressed rage at his father (Robert Duval), a bullying man who coaches a far more successful squad. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B**

**"LADIES IN LAVENDER":** A meditation on loneliness and missed opportunities that urges us, gently, to live a little. The great actresses Judy Dench and Maggie Smith play elderly sisters who discover a young Polish man (Daniel Bruhl) washed up on the shore near their Cornwall cottage sometime between the Great Wars. Each becomes possessive of him and they bicker mightily over his care. With Natasha McElhone as a beautiful Russian artist who encroaches on their territory. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B-**

**"LAND OF THE DEAD":** If a zombie went after Donald Trump, whose side would you be on? It's a tricky question, the kind on which George Romero's thrilling, intelligent shocker hinges. Yes, it's gruesome, exciting and grimly funny, but mostly the film sticks with you because of its clever subtext: The human survivors are mostly haves, wailed up in a swank skyscraper, and the zombies are have-nots, tired of toiling to make the rich richer. — C. Hewitt. (R: gruesome violence, strong language, topless scenes.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B+**

**"LAYER CAKE":** Another British movie about a gangster itching to get out of the business, stymied by "one last job." Fast-paced and glamorous with the most boring way, its chief reason for being is as a showcase for Daniel Craig, a potential new James Bond. Given that he keeps us semi-

OPENING TODAY

**"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS" (G)** This documentary shows the extraordinary ordeal Emperor penguins go through each year to mate. Narrated by Morgan Freeman.  
**"ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW" (R)** A shoe salesman and a video artist forge an unusual connection in this quirky Sundance favorite from writer/director Miranda July.

**"REBOUND" (PG)** Martin Lawrence plays a college basketball coach whose bad temper gets him banned from the game. Then he starts coaching a hapless junior high team.  
**"YES" (R)** This love story between an American woman (Joan Allen) and a Middle Eastern man (Simon Abkarian) is told in iambic pentameter by writer/director Sally Potter.

interested in a tired bit of formula, he may have what that job requires. — M. Pols. (R: strong brutal violence, sexuality, nudity, pervasive language, drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **C-**

**"THE LONGEST YARD":** An eight-grade sense of humor isn't necessarily a horrible thing, but when you combine that with willful stupidity and laziness behind the camera, you get this painfully unnecessary remake. The film, about a former NFL star (originally Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler this time) who goes to prison and organizes a team of convicts to play football against the sadistic guards, takes every joke and exaggerates it until it's no longer funny. With Chris Rock. — C. Vognar. (PG-13: language, violence, sexual content, crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **D**

**"MADAGASCAR":** DreamWorks' latest computer-animation suffers from narrative and character malnutrition, but has enough wordplay, visual gags and character nonsense to keep us chuckling and occasionally roaring. A hippo, giraffe and lion give chase when their friend Marty the zebra (Chris Rock) escapes the Central Park Zoo. They wind up washed ashore on a tropical island, where they befriend a tribe of partying

lemurs and face Alex the lion's emerging carnivorous instincts. — R. Butler. (PG: mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C+**

**"MAD HOT BALLROOM":** This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B+**

**"MR. & MRS. SMITH":** Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie face off in this high-gloss, high-caliber domestic squabble. Husband and wife are both assassins, but it's only after John Smith tries to kill the same bad guy his wife is gunning for that they learn each other's secret. The great screen chemistry between Pitt and Jolie and the movie's treatment of marriage as the ultimate form of combat makes it the entertaining bauble it is. — B. Newman. (PG-13: violence, sex, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B**

Play

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"It's about family and love and honesty and growing up," Ortega continues. "You can write a little farce that puts a smile on your face, and that's great, but this play has a message as well, but without being too obvious about it."

Thunderbabe's over-the-hill superhero premise may be familiar, but the gags are fresh. For instance, the Golden Falcon's sidekick, a now-grown Finchboy, struggles with extreme anxiety. "I was never an action figure," says Frederick Goris glumly, the man behind the spandex of the neurotic sidekick. "Finchboy has been in therapy for the last 14 years. He has a lot of 3x5 affirmation cards he whips out when he gets agitated," says Goris.

In his too-short yellow and green uniform, Finchboy states bravely, "I believe in myself. I have many talents, I know how to fix pudding from scratch." "And they go downhill from there," says Goris. "The final one is 'I'm worthwhile. I may not be the best, but darn it, I'm not as bad as some!'"

The Golden Falcon and Finchboy make their getaways in the Falcon Craft, which runs on nityglycerin and petroleum jelly. "Acceleration is phenomenal, but it's extremely volatile," says Goris.

Thunderbabe's superpower is her Shattervoice. Says Fagone: "She was a Home Ec major with a minor in voice." Thunderbabe belts out Broadway showtunes so forcefully, she can knock

IF YOU GO

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things down. "But nothing after 1922 or she could be sued. Only stuff in the public domain," says Fagone. "And her husband's an attorney, so she ought to know."

Thunderbabe has an evil villainess, a Pulverizing Pistol, Deconstructive Juice, and even an original score by composer Donald Tieck. Not to mention tight suits. Quips Ortega: "High heels and women fighting? What's not to like?"

Fagone feels lucky to have her play come to life this way. She hopes people will give Thunderbabe a try. "It's a feel-good, laugh-out-loud show," she says. "And a reminder that there's nothing more super heroic in life than a super mom."

Just as I'm leaving, Fagone says, "Hey, you haven't asked us what it's like to be in spandex!"

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday July 1  
**Alameda County**

**Act 1 and 2**  
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-464-5980  
● **Me and You and Everyone We Know** (R) 7, 9, 20  
● **My Summer of Love** (R) 7:15, 9:30.

**Albany Albany**  
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980  
● **Heights** (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
● **Yes** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20.

**AMC Bay Street 16**  
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
● **Batman Begins** 12:30, 1:15, 2, 3:50, 4:30, 5:15, 6, 7, 7:40, 8:40, 9:20, 10:20, 11, 11:45.  
● **Cinderella Man** 1:20, 4:35, 7:50, 11:05.  
● **Crash** (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8, 10:45.  
● **Batman Begins** 11:35, 1:45, 3:55, 6:10, 8:20, 10:25  
● **Perfect Man** 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50.  
● **Rebound** (PG) 11:40, 12:20, 1:50, 2:40, 4, 4:50, 6:10, 7:10, 8:25, 9:30, 10:35, 11:40.  
● **The Sisterhood**... (PG) 11:45, 2:45.  
● **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 3:30, 4:10, 7:05, 7:35, 10:10, 10:40.  
● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:15, 1, 1:30, 2:15, 3, 3:45, 4:15, 5, 5:45, 6:30, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12.

**California Theatre**  
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-464-5983  
● **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) 2, 5, 8:15.  
... **Land of the Dead** (R) 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
● **Rize** (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15.

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● **Batman Begins** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10.  
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● **Layer Cake** (R) 9.  
● **Madagascar** (PG) 11:45, 1:30, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15.  
● **Rebound** (PG) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45.

**Oaks Theatre**  
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836  
● **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8.  
● **Madagascar** (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45.

**Parkway Speakeasy Theatre**  
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
● **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) 6.  
● **Crash** (R) 9:15.  
● **Enron** (Not Rated) 7.  
● **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) 9:45.

**Piedmont Theatre**  
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980  
● **Howl's Moving Castle** (PG) 1:15, 4, 7, 9:35.  
● **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15.  
● **My Summer of Love** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:25.

**Regal Jack London**  
100 Richardson, Oakland 510-433-1320  
● **Batman Begins** (PG-13) 4, 7:10, 10:15, 12:45.  
● **Bewitched** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.  
● **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) 12:35, 3, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20.  
● **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
● **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) 11, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35.  
● **Rebound** (PG) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50.  
● **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10:15.  
● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 11, 12, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8, 9:55, 10:40.

**Shattuck Cinemas**  
2220 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
● **The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D** (PG) 2:05, 4:25.  
● **Après Vous** (R) 1:25, 4, 6:50, 9:25.  
● **Bewitched** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50.  
● **Caterina in the Big City** (Not Rated) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45.  
● **Crash** (R) 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30.  
● **Enron** (Not Rated) 4:10, 9:10.  
● **Happily Ever After** (Not Rated) 6:55, 9:15.  
● **Howl's Moving Castle** (Subtitled) (PG) 2:15, 5:15, 8.  
● **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40.  
● **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20.  
● **Saving Face** (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40.

**United Artists Berkeley 7**  
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1457  
● **Batman Begins** (PG-13) 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 7, 7:45, 10, 10:45.  
● **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 11.  
● **Rebound** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:45.  
● **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30.  
● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 11:15, 12:15, 2, 3, 4:45, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15, 11:15.

**United Artists Emery Bay**  
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107  
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**Central Contra Costa**

**Renaissance Orinda Theatre**  
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
● **Batman Begins** (PG-13) 1, 4:15, 7:30.  
● **Bewitched** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15.  
● **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) 9.  
● **Madagascar** (PG) 12, 1:45, 3:30, 5:15, 7.

**Renaissance Park Theatre**  
3518 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997  
● **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.

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350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
● **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.  
● **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) 12, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55.  
● **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10.  
● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5, 7:35, 9:50.

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● **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:50, 7:10, 10:20.  
● **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) 12:25, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:45.  
● **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:20, 11.  
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● **Rebound** (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7, 9:25, 11:30.  
● **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:40.  
● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:15, 2:15, 3, 5, 5:45, 7:40, 8:30, 10:30, 11:15.

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● **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) 12, 2:25, 5, 7:20, 9:50.  
● **Howl's Moving Castle** (PG) 1:15, 4, 7:10, 10, 10.  
● **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45.  
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● **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45.

**Bridge Theatre**  
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
● **Fast, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!** (Not Rated) 12.  
● **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) 4, 6:45, 9:20.

**Castro Theatre**  
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
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**Clay Theatre**  
2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893  
● **March of the Penguins** (G) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15.

**Embarcadero Center Cinemas**  
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893  
● **Caterina in the Big City** (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10.  
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● **My Summer of Love** (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:20.  
● **Rize** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30.  
● **Yes** (R) 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10.

**Lumiere Theatre**  
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● **Après Vous** (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.  
● **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15.  
● **Me and You and Everyone We Know** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.

**Opera Plaza Cinema**  
801 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
● **5x2** (R) 4:30, 9:35.

● **Happily Ever After** (Not Rated) 1:45, 7.  
● **Layer Cake** (R) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:20.  
● **Mysterious Skin** (Not Rated) 4:15, 9:25.  
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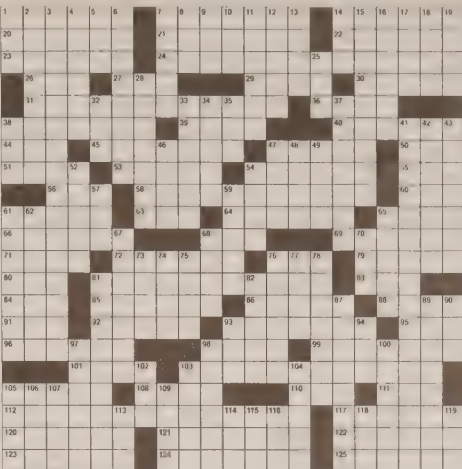
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May Chan of San Jose re-creates her mother's wedding dress in an evocative way — from squares of tissue paper, each with a pocket holding a faded pink rosebud, sewn together with silvery thread that splay out at the edges. It's a haunting work — rosebuds picked before they ever bloomed, and in their neat little packages also suggesting cocoons, ready to burst, or be left behind.

Rachael Neubauer of San

Francisco moved to the Bay Area from Miami in 1996, and soon after worked in Silicon Valley in a job she describes as "mold maker-model maker-pattern finisher."

Those skills come into play with dazzling simplicity in Neubauer's untitled work, a concave sculpture, mounted on a wall, that looks as if it might be layered with silver sequins. Viewed up close, it reflects the gallery spotlights to suggest a window into the universe — or life inside a mirrored disco ball.

Charlie Castaneda and Brody Reiman, two women who have known each other since they were university students, take over a gallery alcove for their art

installation — using the most ordinary material imaginable. Their raw materials are plywood scraps stacked into sculptures, lawn edging that undulates around the walls, cast concrete shapes meant for rustic-looking outdoor planters, with gray river rocks filling in the corners.

Inside this little room, you can imagine a child at play with a treasure of building materials, or an adult's remodeling project abandoned in frustration. Coincidentally, according to the exhibit catalog, both Castaneda and Reiman grew up in half-built houses.

So what about those 126 beer bottles? Tom Marioni of San Francisco has arranged them side by side on seven shelves,

forming a shape known in the art world as the "golden rectangle."

Of course, for this veteran conceptual artist, they're more than just beer bottles. They were emptied during Marioni's Wednesday afternoon get-togethers with friends during the year 2000, and he says they represent "an aid to communication," among other things. They also recall a project Marioni produced years ago at the Oakland Museum. It was titled "The Act of Drinking Beer with Friends is the Highest Form of Art."

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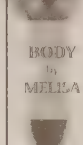
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### PROPOSED FIVE (5) UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT

The Berkeley Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the above pursuant to Section 21.16.044 of the BERKELEY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (5793-N.S.), on: **Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. (at Martin Luther King), Berkeley.** The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

**INFORMATION:** The applicant proposes to create a five (5)-unit residential condominium project in two buildings at 1728 - 1730 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley. The units are to be created in two existing two-story buildings, one unit in the front building, four units in the rear building.

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** Lawrence Neal,  
2332 Browning Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Mr. Stephen Ford, Land Use Planning Division  
2120 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704; PH: (510) 981-7410, FAX: (510)  
7420, TDD: (510) 981-6903, EMAIL: [sford@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:sford@ci.berkeley.ca.us)

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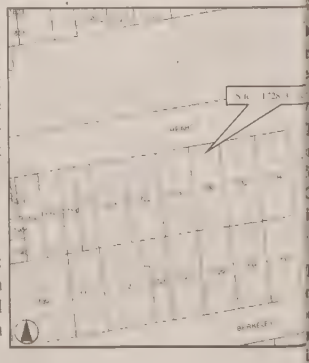
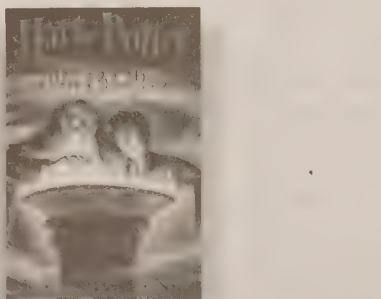
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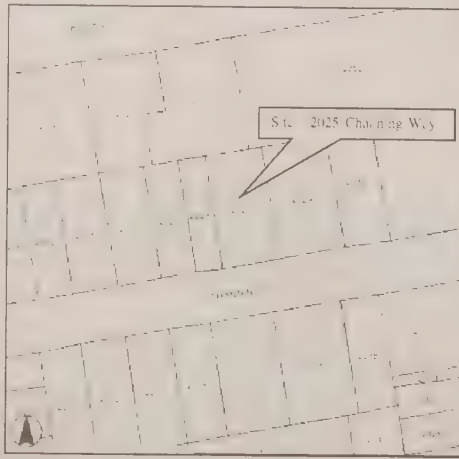


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# Arts & Leisure

Friday, July 1, 2005

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**J.B. ALDERMAN**  
On DVDs

## Willis' one note sings in 'Hostage'

### HOSTAGE ROCKER

Tom Petty seems to have only one song, because the music he has made over the last three decades all sounds identical. But I like that one song, and I keep buying Petty's CDs. Bruce Willis is the acting equivalent of Petty's one song permuted dozens of ways. Willis always plays the same character, the tough, brooding guy, and he does it well. In "Hostage," Willis is a L.A. hostage negotiator turned small-town police chief. As you might expect, hostages are taken, lots of bullets are fired, and all hell breaks loose. This film is an enjoyable, frantic thriller that made me sweat. Lots of violence and kids in danger makes this DVD off-limits for anyone under 15. (R: Violence and language). 1 hour and 53 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**

**Overall:** 2½ stars

**Kids:** 0 stars

**Teens:** 3 stars

**Adults:** 2½ stars

**Seniors:** 1½ stars

**Should you rent it? Yes** — Pick it up if you're looking for a sweaty-palm thriller.

### HITCH

Without Will Smith starring as the ultra-smooth matchmaker, "Hitch" would play like a mediocre cable TV movie. But with the dynamic, charismatic Smith at the helm, the film succeeds as a charming romantic comedy. As the title character, Smith makes a living coaching hapless men on how to woo and win the women of their dreams. "Hitch" breaks no new ground, and it isn't much different from 20 other films you've already seen, but none of that bothered me. I laughed a lot and rooted for the boys to get their girls — which (are you sitting down?) they all did. Adults and teens will be able to relate to the characters, but many seniors are likely to find it all a bit silly. (PG-13: Language). 1 hour and 58 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**

**Overall:** 3 stars

**Kids:** 2 stars

**Teens:** 3 stars

**Adults:** 3 stars

**Seniors:** 2 stars

**Should you rent it? Yes** — The perfect rental for a date night at home.

### TARZAN II

Disney's cartoon prequel features Tarzan as a boy who searches the jungle to find his true identity. Instead of discovering his origins, little Tarzan seems to spend most of his time running away from man-eating animals or falling into gorges. Why he doesn't suffer concussion after concussion eludes me, but the plucky, loincloth-wearing youngster always manages to pick himself up and dust himself off. In the end, Tarzan discovers it's OK to be different from everyone else, always a reassuring message for kids to hear. Glenn Close and George Clooney lend their voices and do a nice job of perking up the script. Kids ages 6-10 will enjoy this fast-moving, entertaining DVD, but anyone younger is likely to be scared by the action scenes. (G). 1 hour and 11 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**

**Overall:** 2½ stars

**Kids:** 3 stars

**Teens:** 1 star

**Adults:** 2½ stars

**Seniors:** 2½ stars

**Should you rent it? Yes** — A winner for kids over 6 years old.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via [www.PhDVD.com](http://www.PhDVD.com).



**EVIL VILLAINESS** Toxic Passion (Jennifer Lucas), left, squares off against her archenemy, super heroine Thunderbabe (Bobbi Fagone) in the comedy adventure. The play runs from July 1-16 at the Altarena Playhouse in Alameda.

## Supermom breaks out her cape

■ Thunderbabe is a 'laugh-out-loud show' and a reminder of the great powers of a mom

By Suzanne LaFetra  
CORRESPONDENT

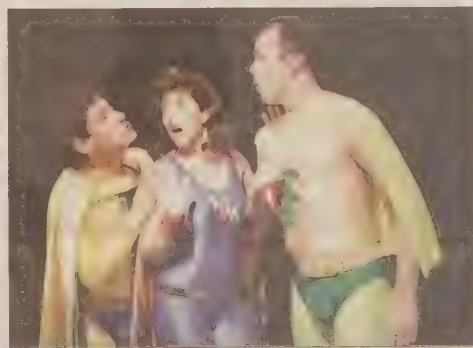
Faster than a minivan in the carpool lane. More powerful than superweight spandex. Able to leap high hormone levels in a single bound. It's a wife, it's a mom, it's ... Thunderbabe! Thunderbabe is coming to save the world from July 1-17 at the Altarena Playhouse in Alameda.

Belmont resident Bobbi Fagone stars in the world premiere of Thunderbabe, a comedy directed by Ann Kuchins. Fagone plays the lead, and she's also the playwright. The inspiration came a few years back. "I was having a midlife crisis," says Fagone. She had been in an audition and gotten cast in a role for a 55-year-old. "I was only 46!" she says, rolling her eyes. "A friend said to me, 'Welcome to the terrible 2s. Too old for the ingénue roles, too

young for the senior discount.'"

Without her cape, Thunderbabe is Babe Griffin, a soccer mom and host of "The Virtual Homemaking," wife to a mild-mannered lawyer hubby. Tucked safely away in her past, along with her superhero persona, is a former flame, the crime-fighting Golden Falcon. When arch-rival Toxic Passion turns her secret weapon, the Enfeeblizer, a youth-siphoning contraption, on Babe's teenage daughter, Thunderbabe's unitard, along with her hidden secrets, comes out of the closet.

Incredibly, Fagone typed up the last pages of her play nearly a year before Pixar announced its blockbuster film about aging superheroes titled "The Incredibles." And, although the spandex fits tightly for both sets of characters, Thunderbabe is a homegrown story about a woman in midlife, a superhero who has hung up her cape to pursue family life. "It's more a tale of a desperate housewife," says Fagone. "Age is one of the issues in the play," says director Ann Kuchins. But it's also about secret identi-



**THUNDERBABE** tries to referee the bickering between Golden Falcon (Ben Ortega), left, and Finchboy (Frederik Gorist). The cost is \$15, and \$12 for seniors and students.

ties, repression, maturing. "As superheroes, they're fading into the horizon," says Kuchins. By the end of the play, she says, they have "a different confidence, and they're also able to gracefully pass on the torch to the next generation."

Ben Ortega, who plays Golden

Falcon, says the show is extremely funny. "But it's more than that. There's some depth in it."

"There is?" Fagone interrupts, and the cast cracks up.

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## Intriguing area artists exhibit diversity

IF THERE'S a theme to "Eureka," the exhibit at the UC Berkeley Art Museum, it's that Bay Area artists are producing fresh new works and winning awards without cramming computers or video monitors into a gallery.

Meticulous black-and-white photography and oil paint on linen are among the media, side by side with works made with tissue paper, dried rosebuds and basswood cut into miniature lumber for a model house.

That's just the beginning. Also on view are cast-concrete construction blocks, a tree crafted from Styrofoam packing forms and 126 empty Pacifico beer bottles. All this in the gallery most recently filled with Peter Paul Rubens' Baroque-era oil sketches.

There's also a computer-assisted painting: Rohnert Park artist Chris Finley's "Moths." The swirling elliptical shapes are actually derived from the faces of nine of President Bush's cabinet members. Finley used a computer program to convert them to line drawings, then transferred the distorted shapes to canvas. What these artists share is \$300,000 from the San Francisco-based Fleishhacker Foundation, which has granted each of them a \$25,000 fellowship, the Bay Area's largest cash prize for individual artists.

"Other than the fact that they rose to the top of the nominee pool," notes curator Constance Lewallen in the exhibit catalog,



**ROBERT TAYLOR**  
In the Galleries

### GALLERY

■ **UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM:** "Eureka: The Eureka Fellowship Awards 2002-2004," works by 12 Bay Area artists, through Aug. 14, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays-Sundays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays, \$5-\$8, 510-642-0808, [www.bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu)

"the artists in 'Eureka' don't have a great deal in common. Rather, they exemplify the healthy diversity of styles, attitudes and media that is characteristic of Bay Area art."

Lewallen calls these dozen men and women "some of the region's most exciting artists." They're not fresh out of art school — many have taken part in exhibits at San Francisco galleries and beyond. "Eureka" offers a chance to discover them all in one place.

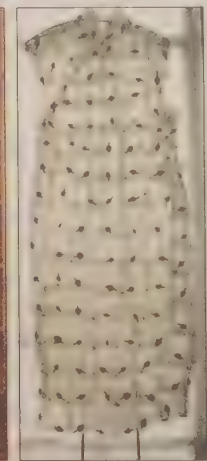
San Francisco artist John Bankston has two big paintings in the exhibition: "Pink Sunset" and "Into the Rainbow." They're sketchy, dreamy works that might have been inspired by the



**TOM MARIONI'S** "Golden Rectangle 2000," left, includes 126 empty beer bottles. May Chan's "sprout-wither" is a re-creation of her mother's wedding dress, made of tissue paper and rosebuds.

structure of children's coloring books — with Bankston deliberately painting outside the lines.

His themes break with tradition. In one of his Western settings, the subjects are two black cowboys, one holding the other by the arm, both of them wearing pink neckerchiefs. In the other, two men are riding into the sunset on a wide rainbow trail, their horses kicking up clouds. It's up to the viewer to imagine what's going on.



UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM

Jim Christensen of Oakland creates framed houses at that point before the walls, windows and other finishing touches are added. In his case, they represent the many houses where he lived with his mother, and then with his father, across the country. He stacks them up, one on top of the other. Combined, they're meant to evoke an ideal home.

See **EUREKA**, Page C4



**JACK TUCKER**  
Community Theatre

## 'Anything Goes' opens July

"ANYTHING GOES" nowadays the as-a-glassy-sea musical opening July 8 at the Costa Civic Theatre, was swamped by tsunami-stragedy before it landed Broadway in November.

In September, the show already well into rehearsal a libretto by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse. The show built around the adventure of a group of passengers who survived a shipwreck.

Then fiction suddenly rored a terrible fact. On Aug. 8, 1934, the U.S. steamship Morro Castle, bound from Havana to New York, burned at Asbury Park, N.J., with the loss of 134 lives.

Producer Vinton Freedley decided the only way to make the show was to have it rewritten, working around existing Cole Porter songs. Shipboard sets and such drawer principals as Elton Man, William Gaxton and Tor Moore.

There was just one problem. Bolton and Wodehouse were unavailable.

Thinking fast, Freedley hired his "Anything Goes" director, Howard Lindsay. The Theatre Guild press agent named Russel Crouse, who vailed on them to supply a new book — in just two weeks.

And so began one of the most profitable collaborations in theatrical history. "Anything Goes," opening next Friday playing weekends at the Costa through Aug. 13.

Porter's erudite wit and songs as "You're the Top," "Get a Kick Out of You," of course, "Anything Goes" endures pleasantly.

Directed by Mark Wooten with musical direction by Joanne Gabel and choreography by Loree Kiney.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youths 16 and under. 510-524-9132 or visit [www.anythinggoes.com](http://www.anythinggoes.com).

**A THOUSAND AND LAUGHS:** Watching "Anything Goes" is a virtuoso performance of "The Sands of Time" at the Costa Theatre is an exhilarating experience. It can remove a that a clever storyteller queen Scheherazade in "Arabian Nights" — a cast for time to thwart a dire fate.

For 1,000 nights, the endary queen told her tales of her husband stories, cunningly linked to pique curiosity that he finally interest in killing her.

In Carol Wolf's play, the bell plays Guy de Bonheur, sole survivor of a street forming troupe who stumbled into a railway station, a man-occupied France, after escaping from a bound for a death camp.

The station is loaded with gendarmes — actually us, the audience.

De Bonheur knows his pickle. He has been performing subversive material. He swears it's not what if the gendarmes lie him? Maybe a few fish capers will convince (us) that he is no threat.

And so begins some minutes of physical waggery which Campbell portrays characters ranging from a choking dwarf to a we soldier, from a bosomy wife to a vaporous general.

Written 10 years ago for Campbell, "The Sands of Time" is directed by Jessica Kubzansky, co-director of Pasadena's Theatre at Boston Court. Although Wolf and Campbell are in the Bay Area, the show not been seen locally.

The play runs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays, through July 24. Tickets are \$30. rora Theatre is at 2081 St., Berkeley. Call 510-846-1111.

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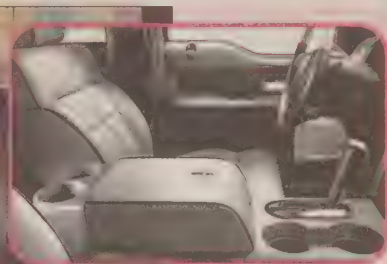
## The 2006 Lincoln Mark LT is much more than a pickup truck

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

The 2006 Lincoln Mark LT pickup gives meaning to the word "truck." This truck is designed to carry tons of sophisticated luxury with elegance, style and class.

Nevertheless, the Mark LT is a genuine capable of doing the entire hauling aspects of a workhorse, while coming a high level of style and sophistication. I even felt like wiping my shoes before climbing into the driver's seat. The 4x4 is capable of doing all the ordinary pickups do because it sits on the solid foundation of the Ford F-Series. I'm told it has a fully boxed frame, window glass, liquid-filled engine mounts and inset doors with double seals to help reduce the unwanted noise, wind and engine noise. This makes the interior sound level very quiet, similar to other Lincoln products. The Mark LT pickup has four full-size seats and seats five people comfortably plenty of head, shoulder and leg room. The front seats are power-operated and heated.

Sound the ride quality to be plush, controlled. Because of the strong, hydroformed frame, the handling is similar to that of an upscale sedan, and precise, and in spite of its size, the Mark LT is very easy to maneuver. At first, I became almost oblivious that I was driving a pickup. Yet, when I got out, I found me was a cargo box 5 feet 6 inches in length. Lincoln engineers said the shocks



THE 2006 LINCOLN MARK LT pickup, left, is designed to carry tons of sophisticated luxury with elegance, style and class. The soft leather seating surfaces, inset, are accented with piping.

MOTOR MATTERS

### KEANE ON WHEELS

are positioned to maximize their ability to properly manage body lean, particularly during lane changes. This feature becomes obvious when making a sharp turn, as I felt very secure due to the manner in which the truck held the road.

The base price four-wheel drive is \$42,700. My tester had a load of optional equipment, bringing the total to \$47,200. The options included such features as electronic auto temperature control, audiophile six-disc CD changer, power moonroof, power sliding rear window, platform running boards and trailer towing package, bed extender and a reverse sensing system.

Under the hood is a 5.4-liter 3-valve Triton V8 engine that produces 300 horsepower and 365 pounds-foot of torque and is connected to a four-speed automatic

### LINCOLN MARK LT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, 4x4 pickup
Suggested Retail	\$42,700
Price as Tested	\$47,200
Engine Type	V8 Triton SOHC 24-valve w/SEFI
Horsepower	300 @ 5,000 rpm
Torque	365 @ 3,750 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	138 inches
Height	73 inches
Curb Weight	5,677 pounds
Fuel Capacity	19 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 14/18

transmission with overdrive. This power uses an electronic throttle control designed to provide instant response and consistent transmission shifts at various altitudes and various load capacities. It has an 8,900-pound towing capacity and a payload of

1,620 pounds. Obviously, the Mark LT is not just a showhorse; it's a workhorse, too.

The exterior is very stylish with a massive, chrome grille, sparkling headlamps, smooth lines down the body side and exceptionally large side-view mirrors. All this

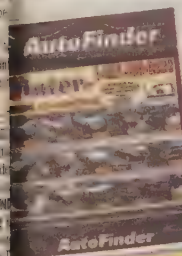
sits on attractive 18-inch aluminum wheels. As for safety, this pickup has all the latest equipment, including LATCH for child safety seats. It also has a Securilock passive anti-theft system. Although it's a bit pricey for a pickup truck, all things considered, the Mark LT is much more than a truck.

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# Too much fuel in the exhaust system may melt converter

BY JUNIOR DAMATO  
MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1985 Mercury Grand Marquis with a 3.8-liter V6 engine that I purchased new. Current mileage is 105,000. The rear catalytic converter melted internally. I also found a rotted line to the map sensor and replaced it. I thought I was home free until three weeks went by and the same problem occurred: another melted converter. The mechanic said the engine is running very rich, causing the converter meltdown. The mechanic doesn't know what sensor to replace because he could not read any trouble codes. — Rick

**Dear Rick:** The problem sounds like too much fuel entering the exhaust system. When checking for trouble codes in older Ford vehicles, there are two tests: One for key on engine off, another for engine running. Next, to start checking each sensor or circuit, a break-out box is required. The break-out box is connected in series to the computer. Without a break-out box, or a technician very knowledgeable with the Ford system, you could spend a lot of money just changing parts.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1994 Ford F-150 302 V8 automatic, which I purchased new. Current mileage: 67,000 miles. Five years ago, the transmission intermittently would drop to neutral or first gear. The Ford dealer kept the truck for a few days and could not duplicate the problem. It is getting worse. I went to an independent transmission shop and they road-tested it and could not duplicate the problem. The advice I have been given is to drive until it gets worse. Does this transmission have many problems? — Mervin

**Dear Mervin:** Alldata lists a page of updates and technical bulletins on your transmission. Find a technician skilled with the Ford

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transmission. There may be a faulty wire connection or even a faulty gear selector switch. Without trouble codes or a pattern failure, the problem will be hard to find.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan. The passenger power window intermittently stops working from both the driver and passenger side switches. I took it back to the dealer and was told nothing can be done unless it is not working. What can I do? — Clayton

**Dear Clayton:** The dealer is correct. The driver's master power window is the ground for both the driver and passenger windows. The problem could be a faulty switch, window motor, or wire connection. You will have to wait until the window is not working for proper diagnosis and repair.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2000 Chrysler minivan 3.3-liter V6 engine. I want to change the spark plugs myself. Looking at the engine, I cannot see the rear spark plugs. The book says to remove the windshield cowl cover and wiper assembly. Doing that, I can now see the spark plug boots. The dealer wants \$200 to replace them. Is there an easy way to get to the three rear spark plugs? — Dave

**Dear Dave:** You know what we are up against everyday. There are no easy tricks to replace spark plugs on today's vehicles. Sometimes we can access the spark plugs from the bottom. Other times simply removing the intake plenum makes for easy access. If you do remove the plenum, use duct tape to cover the openings. If anything falls into the engine, major damage will occur, unless it is removed before starting the engine. Always screw the spark plugs by hand and use anti-seize compound on the

threads and die electric grease on the spark plug boots. Do not over-tighten the spark plugs in the cylinder head. If you do not feel you can replace the spark plugs yourself, get a couple of estimates. Use only factory-correct spark plugs.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight. I purchased the car new and the current mileage is 143,000. The battery occasionally dies. I have been to the dealer and an independent shop, but neither has been able to find the problem. I have replaced the battery twice. — John

**Dear Doctor:** Intermittent electrical problems can be next to impossible to locate, unless the problem occurs at the time of service. You can have the shop check all the accessories that have power with the key in the off position. I have seen a lot of faulty power seat relays cause battery drain. The current draw killing the battery is not simply a trunk or glove box light, it has to be something like a relay power seat or power door lock. I have also found alternators that will charge fine, but have an internal short.

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a 2003 Hyundai Elantra with the factory power door lock and alarm system. I had a remote starter installed for the cold mornings. For my own reasons I wanted to have the power door lock system shut off. The dealer said they could not do it. The remote starter installer also told me it could not be done. What is the problem with this car and the door locks? — Dominick

**Dear Dominick:** Most factory car, truck and van factory alarm systems are connected to the body control module. On some vehicles, such as your Hyundai, the system cannot be altered. Some remote car starters will not work the factory anti-theft system at all.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

# Giant GMs: Chevy, GMC 4500/5500 trucks sport cargo boxes

BY TIM SPELL  
MOTOR MATTERS

Pulling up to a stoplight and sitting at the same height as the driver of a city bus in the next lane accentuates the feel of power one gets while driving a 4500/5500 General Motors pickup. Yes, this giant — available as a Chevy Kodiak and GMC Topkick — is a pickup.

In the world of enormous commercial work trucks, 4500/5500 series models are classified as "medium-duty." Compare them to most other trucks with pickup boxes and they loom — like a "Star Wars" AT-AT Walker compared to a real-life camel. Upfitted by Monroe Truck Equipment of Monroe, Wis., these super-sizers have a normal-looking 8-foot dually bed.

Building the gargantuan pickups started about a decade ago as a whim, according to Jeff Kulawinski, Monroe's national fleet marketing manager. "Some people came up to us and asked if we could put a pickup bed on the back, and we said, 'sure.'"

While the 4500/5500 series trucks mainly get the pickup-box treatment, Kulawinski said Monroe has even outfitted 7500 and 8500 versions.

The pickup box comes standard with a spray-on Rhino polyurethane surface. Interior box pieces, as well as the tailgate and bumper, are standard GM, but custom sizing has to be done to accommodate the vehicle's 60-inch vs. the normal 56-inch cab-to-axle ratio.

It sits on a patented subframe, because a regular medium-duty frame moves. The subframe is rubber-mounted to limit the amount of movement transferred to the pickup

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box. This system increases the life of the box.

Monroe's creation is popular for ranch and racing applications, but it's also just right for those in need of a macho injection beyond what a typical truck buyer demands. Fittingly, it's the pickup of choice for the U.S. Navy Seals, and 7-foot-plus basketball great Shaquille O'Neal owns one. The 4x4's height even dwarfs the NBA star. Rolling on 245/70R-19.5G tires, it towers almost 8 feet and has a near 8-foot width to match. Step-in height is just short of 2 feet. Thankfully, wide steps with grippy surfaces and hand assists help launch occupants into the cab. The 2VD version, with a formidable 19-inch step-in height, is available with polished stainless-steel tubular step bars. For me, the trip down from the steps is a bit trickier than the trip up.

Once the driver has ascended into the monster's bowels, life is cool. The much-used term "command seating" takes on a new meaning — akin to a lifeguard sitting atop a tower. It's a power trip watching sedans bowing to the giant's presence by backing off to clear it a path. Even while politely waiting for pedestrians to clear a crosswalk, for some reason, they feel the need to double-time their steps.

Making the pickup more imposing is the rumbling of the turbocharged, intercooled Duramax 6600 diesel V8. This engine of choice for 95 percent of the buyers moves the Kodiak/Topkick with 300 horses and 520 pounds-foot of torque. Its

transmission partner is an 1000 five-speed automatic.

The test-truck pushes back and forth with an optional crew cab and pair of vertical exhaust pipes rising above its cab.

Big torque and a heavy-duty transmission are needed for the massive vehicle, which has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 19,500 pounds. Unweighed, the truck's ride is bumpy. An available chassis air suspension is available to improve ride quality, allow the truck to "kneel" at inches, making it easier to load a gooseneck trailer. Monroe is introducing an air bag. The cab is mounted on airbags, dramatically increasing ride quality, Kulawinski said.

Fortunately, most all of the vehicles are ordered with absorbing air seats. The shape, well-cushioned front captain's seat is aggressive, with the back divided into two segments, separate support for the shoulders.

Interior treatments are of several levels. The test-truck with the top-line "Ultra" interior includes the captain's chair and electrically operated bed that folds into a bed.

Customization and the optional accessories ordered over the map. Pricing on the great Kodiaks and Topkicks, greatly, Kulawinski said. Basing is about \$53,000, but prices generally start at about \$60,000.

Tim Spell is the writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

# GM builds a Hummer to fit both garage and pocketbook

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
MOTOR MATTERS

If you've lusted for a Hummer but didn't have the big bucks to buy one or were concerned you couldn't squeeze it into your garage, General Motors' division has the answer for you: a baby Hummer.

Hummer dealers are receiving the first deliveries of the third product in the division's line, the 2006 H3. Built at a GM truck assembly plant in Shreveport, La., the five-passenger H3 rides on GM's mid-size pickup truck platform, shared by the Chevy Colorado and GMC Canyon. It is nearly 17 inches shorter than the full-size H2 SUV. In fact, the H3's measurements are 186.7 inches in total length with a wheelbase of 111.9 inches. The H3 is 74.7 inches wide and 74.5 inches tall.

For Hummer — and GM — a lot rides on the H3. The troubled automaker is looking for the H3, which has a starting price just shy of \$30,000, to boost the division's sales, make the brand more mainstream and attract younger buyers. Indeed, the brand is popular with younger people, who until now have not been able to afford a Hummer. The H3 buyer is expected to be as young as mid-30s, whereas buyers of the gigantic H1 and the middle of the range H2 are 43 to 46 years old.

In addition, it is with the H3 that GM is looking to take the Hummer division international in a big way. GM recently announced it would spend more than \$100 million to build a factory in Port Elizabeth,

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South Africa, to build the H3 there.

South Africa has become a busy export base for auto companies because tariffs are not applied to exports from South Africa to Western Europe. The South African plant will also export to the Middle East, where Hummer is extremely prestigious and sold in fancy dealerships with on-site off-road test tracks next to Cadillacs and Saabs.

GM also is contemplating selling Hummers in China, where importers already bring them in unofficially. In China, they likely will be sold by Cadillac dealers.

The plant in South Africa will build both left- and right-hand versions of the H3 and, in contrast to the U.S., will outfit it with an available diesel engine.

Hummer now is licensed to sell in more than 35 countries. By the end of the decade, Hummer wants to be in as many as 45 countries, according to Hummer's general marketing manager Susan Docherty. Global volume is expected to rise from 32,000 in 2004 (29,000 in the U.S. and 3,000 overseas) to more than 100,000 by the end of the decade. Here in the U.S., the H3 will compete against the Jeep Grand Cherokee, the Toyota 4Runner and the Nissan Xterra.

Though it rides on the basic architecture of the Colorado and Canyon, Hummer officials insist less than 10 percent of those

trucks' parts are shared with the H3. Engines and transmissions are similar but adjustments have been made to beef up its off-roading capability, a Hummer hallmark.

The H3 is powered by a 3.5-liter inline five-cylinder engine, rated at 220 horsepower and 225 pounds-foot of torque. It is paired with a four-speed automatic, though a manual transmission is offered for serious off-roaders.

The smaller, less powerful Hummer attains far better fuel economy — the main complaint of Hummer owners and environmentalists of the H1 and H2. It is rated at 16 miles per gallon in city driving and 19 miles on the highway.

The H3 comes standard four-wheel drive, starts at \$29,500, including a \$565 destination charge. A fully loaded H3 tops out at about \$37,000. By comparison, the military-vehicle-turned-civilian H1 has a base price of \$129,399.

Is the H3 still not small and cheap enough for you? Sit tight. An even smaller Hummer may be in the works.

Docherty confirms as Hummer contemplates how to expand its future product line, a smaller H4 could be coming down the pike. It would be about the size of a Jeep Liberty or Ford Escape. Not approved by GM yet, it could arrive in the next three or four years. But she assures, despite its more diminutive size, it will be very masculine, muscular and powerful — Hummer through and through.

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## SPARE PARTS

### Best selling

Mazda Motor Corporation announced the production of the all-new, third-generation 2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata, the world's best-selling two-seat, lightweight, open-topped sports car. The third-generation of the record-setting MX-5 roadster is an updated and improved version of the most popular two-seat, open-top sports car of all time. In April 2005, the Guinness World Book of Records officially recertified the MX-5 as the best-selling two-seat sports car ever.

### Pickup sales pick up

Ford Motor Co. expects to sell at least 900,000 F-Series pickups this year, compared with 939,000 in 2004, to become the first automaker ever to sell 900,000 or more vehicles under a single name-

plate for two consecutive years. Since the launch of the 2004 F-Series line, Ford says it has seen its leading share, while the brand, Chevrolet, has slipped behind. (Source: Detroit News)



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**HUMMER DEALERS ARE RECEIVING** the first deliveries of the third product in the division's line, the 2006 H3.



# It was love at first site with 1960 Oldsmobile convertible

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

It was a case of love at first sight when Ruby Batten turned a corner and saw the 1960 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible waiting for her at the annual spring gathering of antique automobile aficionados in Napa, Pa.

Oldsmobile built 347,141 cars in 1960, offering 17 models in 15 colors. The convertible version of the middle-of-the-line Super 88 carried a base price of \$3,592. A Pennsylvania man was one of the original 10 buyers of those Super 88 convertibles; he was casino cream with a black top. Some years later, he sold it to a friend, who eventually sold it back. In 1994, the original owner traded the convertible for sale in the car corner at Carlisle.

That was the year Ruby Batten went to Napa with her husband, Raymond, with the intention of buying an antique car. It didn't take long for her to decide; it had been out to her.

After hours spent wandering through aisles lined with antique cars, Batten

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said, they turned a corner and there it was. It struck her fancy — Batten fell in love with it right then. She pointed to the car and told her husband it was the one she wanted. The firm statement was followed by a question: "What kind is it?" "I think it's a Pontiac," Raymond said.

Only when they got closer could they see her dream car was a 1960 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible. Three different engines were available — starting with a 240-horsepower V8 and a 260-horsepower V8. This particular Oldsmobile came with the top-of-the-line 394-cubic-inch V8 that develops 315 horsepower to move its 4,134 pounds.

Walking around the car, taking in all the details, Batten knew she had made the right decision. She liked how the back bumper wrapped around the back of the car, the long, horizontal tail lights flowed into the lines of the car, and the fender skirts gave the 18-foot-long car

a longer, lower appearance.

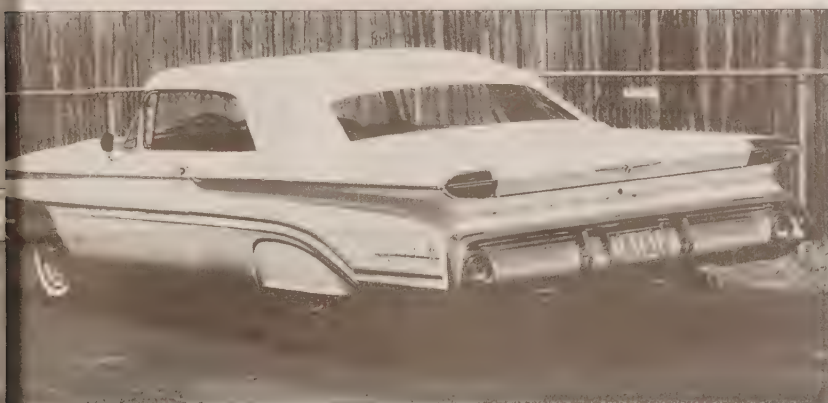
The three-tone interior was pristine. What wasn't covered in a blue, gray or white vinyl, or a gray carpet, was plated with chrome. The odometer registered about 97,000 miles.

Not much time was spent negotiating a deal before she became the third owner of the Oldsmobile. With her husband following in their modern vehicle, she drove her prize home to Maryland, the 123-inch wheelbase providing a luxurious ride.

She had to be careful with the automatic transmission because of the shift pattern. From the left the gear selector read: park, neutral, drive, second, low and reverse.

Once she got the convertible home, the couple spent time doing research on it. They learned that a similar Oldsmobile was the Indianapolis 500 pace car in 1960 and that inside the glove compartment is a vacuum-operated release for the trunk lid. The engine has to be running for it to work.

Also in the glove compartment, Batten points out, is a battery-powered transistor radio, which can be taken out of the car for entertainment at sporting events or picnics.



RUBY BATTEN saw the 1960 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible, it was truly love at first site.

## Report focuses on federal crash test problems

BY CHERYL JENSEN  
MOTOR MATTERS

If the government's crash tests are going to continue to help consumers, important changes need to be made to ensure they are relevant and provide complete information, according to a report by the U.S. Government's Accountability Office.

The report focuses on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's New Car Assessment Program, which consists of three tests: full-frontal crash, side-impact crash and a rollover test. Vehicles are rated for how well they protect occupants in a crash using a system of one to five stars, with five indicating the best.

The study also looked at how crash testing is done in Australia, Japan, Europe and by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in the United States. The report criticizes NHTSA's side-impact and full-frontal crash tests. It states the usefulness of those current tests has been "eroded" by the growing number of pickup trucks, sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and that NHTSA's testing program hasn't been updated to take that into consideration. Instead, NHTSA continues to focus on car-to-car collisions. One, NHTSA doesn't use all the data it collects to calculate vehicle safety, according to the report.

In the side-impact test, NHTSA uses a car of a size that duplicates a car striking a vehicle in the side. Since the height of a car, it does not intrude through the window of the vehicle being

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tested the way a taller sport-utility vehicle or pickup truck would.

The GAO's report said that testing with a taller ram, such as the one used by the Insurance Institute, would give a better picture of how much or how little protection a consumer could expect in a crash with a truck, now that more trucks are on America's roads.

It is alarming to see how much the results vary. The Institute, which is funded by the insurance industry, tested 27 vehicles using a ram that is about 45 inches tall — roughly 12 inches taller than the ram NHTSA uses. That means the top is more likely to intrude into the window of the vehicle. All 27 vehicles got the institute's lowest rating. However, in NHTSA's test, using the car-sized ram, 21 of the 27 vehicles got either four or five stars, the highest ratings.

The GAO criticized another test: the full-frontal test in which the entire front of the vehicle hits the barrier. All the other countries noted in the study — Australia, Japan, Europe — as well as the Insurance Institute have abandoned this test in favor of an offset crash test in which only a portion of the front of the vehicle hits a barrier. Safety researchers with those groups all said this offset test better duplicates real-world crashes.

The full-frontal test has been successful in making automakers improve the crashworthiness of their vehicles.

Ninety-five percent of all the vehicles tested in 2004 got either four or five stars, but the GAO report stated this has eroded "NHTSA's ability to challenge automakers to continue improving vehicle safety." And, with so many vehicles doing so well, it also diminishes the value to consumers. Some safety researchers have said NHTSA should declare victory with its full-frontal test and move on to other, more demanding tests.

Another important criticism is with NHTSA's limited use of the data collected from the instrumented crash dummies in order to calculate a vehicle's safety. For example, to determine the star ratings for its side-impact tests, NHTSA uses readings from the chest and lower spine. Although it measures and collects other readings, such as those for head injuries, it does not use them in calculating the star rating. If the readings are high enough to cause concern, it identifies them on the Web site as "Safety Concerns."

The report identified over 140 concerns on the site since model year 1990. Thirty-six of these were for vehicles that received the highest four- or five-star ratings. Safety concerns, for example, included high head "acceleration" ratings in side crashes, which could indicate a high likelihood of serious head injuries in a real-world crash.

The GAO report stated: "Having a Safety Concern noted for vehicles with a four- or five-star rating presents conflicting information that could be confusing to consumers."

Now that's an understatement.

The upscale car is equipped with power steering, power brakes and an automatic headlight dimmer. Like every other Oldsmobile of that era, the two-spoke steering wheel is severely deep-dished.

Around the year 2002, the sleek convertible began smoking, so the big engine was rebuilt. With that task completed, it seemed only natural that the automatic transmission received the same treatment.

The convertible top was beginning to show signs of wear, and Batten happily discovered that in 1960, Oldsmobile offered convertible tops in six colors — blue, black, beige, green, white and turquoise. The black

top, which Batten had always considered depressing, was replaced with a white top, which she says is more appropriate for a happy car. The boot covering the convertible top, when it is lowered, is held in place by 24 snaps.

Since the mechanical parts were rebuilt, the car has been driven about 20,000 miles, Batten said. More trips are planned — most of them to antique car shows.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.

According to the National Highway Transportation Administration 25 percent of all cars on the road today have at least one tire whose air pressure is more than eight pounds under factory specification. Underinflated tires can overheat, and are a serious safety hazard. Check the air pressure in your tires at least once a month.

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# The Japanese take the driver's seat

BY MICHELLE KREBS

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

**DETROIT** — In the late 1980s, Japanese automakers established upscale divisions with a clear mission: To challenge German supremacy in luxury automobiles. Japan's threat proved real and its fancier cars were generally good, yet BMW and Mercedes-Benz still maintained their dominance, in perception if not always in reality, for most of the last 15 years.

The tables may have turned. The plush Lexus LS430, from Toyota, has edged out big German cruisers in comparison tests, not only by Consumer Reports but by some enthusiast publications. Now the turnaround seems to be occurring among midrange sport sedans, where Japan's charge is led by the Infiniti division of Nissan.

In recent separate tests, Road & Track and Car and Driver magazines pitted the BMW 5 Series, the gold standard of \$50,000 European sedans, against the latest Japanese entries: the Infiniti M45, the Lexus GS430 and, in Car and Driver, the Acura RL. Both times, the Infiniti came out on top. In the Car and Driver test, Japanese cars swept the top three spots, with the M45, RL and GS 430 taking first, second and third places. The magazine ranked the BMW 545i sixth in a field of eight.

After two weeks of back-to-back testing of the Infinitis — the M35 with a V6 engine and the M45 with a V8

— I can see why. The new Infinitis rank at the top, or very close to it, in many categories that buyers of luxury sport sedans care most about: handsome styling, inviting and roomy cabins, seamless integration of technology, spirited dynamics. Plus, the M's strike a balance between sport and luxury that seems nearly ideal.

The Infinitis, all new for 2006, bear no resemblance to their bland M45 predecessor of last year. The previous-generation car was a rebadged Nissan Cedric from the Japanese market, which Infiniti plugged into its line to fill a gap between the flagship Q45 and the midsize G35. That previous M seemed a classic case of middle-child syndrome, confused by its place in the family and offering little that was special. Consumers seemed confused, too; I rarely saw one on the road.

The new car, though, is certainly distinctive. The first hint that it would be a styling standout came at the Tokyo motor show two years ago, when Nissan unveiled a design study hinting at the future Fuga, which is what the car is called in Japan.

While it can be argued that the production version was watered down from the concept car, it remains a head-turner. Proof of that came when I walked toward an M35 Sport with my 13-year-old son (who has become quite the car geek) after his baseball game.

Dusk had awakened the street-

Though Japanese automakers challenged German supremacy in luxury automobiles. BMW and Mercedes-Benz still maintained their dominance; however, the tables may have turned. The plush Lexus LS430, from Toyota, has edged out big German cruisers in recent comparison tests.

lights, which cast a soft orange glow on the silver car and showcased its profile. "Stunning," I thought — just as my son blurted out, "Look at how gorgeous that car is!" It seemed to be posing, he said, for a commercial.

The M comes in five versions, including the M35 and M35 Sport, both with a 3.5-liter V6 and rear-wheel drive. There is also the M35x, with all-wheel drive. With a 4.5-liter V8, the same basic car is the M45 or M45 Sport. The Sport package includes different interior trim, 19-inch wheels and tires, and a rear suspension that adapts to the way the car is being driven.

Interiors of Non-Sport versions are trimmed, predictably, in wood. The rosewood in my M45 test car had a matte finish, a nice contrast to the high-gloss veneer generally found in luxury sedans.

Yet I preferred the cabin of the M35 Sport, where aluminum trim re-

places the wood, giving the car a younger, hipper ambience. Still, the M has a warmer, more inviting feel than the icy BMW 5 Series.

The M offers amenities aplenty, both standard and optional. All versions come with leather upholstery, a "smart key" with push-button ignition, voice-activated controls, Bluetooth wireless technology, in-dash six-disc changer with MP3 capability and a power sliding sunroof. All sorts of options and option packages — Premium, Technology and Journey, which includes items useful for trips — are offered. Infiniti also lets you choose your favorite satellite radio service, either XM and Sirius.

Further, the M's technology is integrated and easy to use, in contrast to BMW's impossible iDrive. The controls are simply laid out on the upper center dash; some controls are duplicated on the steering wheel. A seven-inch screen provides

necessary information, along with maps if you order a navigation system or a rearview view if you get the backup camera. All this is intuitive — no owner's manual required.

As for safety, all M's come with stability control, frontal and front-seat side air bags and side curtain bags for side impacts. A high-tech option is the Lane Departure Warning system, which alerts the driver if the car strays from its lane when the turn signal isn't on. This feature made its North American debut on the 2005 Infiniti FX sport wagons.

Engineers transplanted proven bits of other Nissan and Infiniti cars into the M. Its skeleton is an advanced version of the FM (for front midship) platform, used by the smaller G35 sedan and coupe, among other models. This rigid architecture, which positions the engine behind the front axle, helps to balance the weight from front to rear, improving the handling. The car's fine balance is especially notable on curves and in corners.

The M35's heart is its dual-cam V6, which was borrowed and enhanced from the G35 and FX35. With 280 horsepower, it trails only the 300-horse Acura RL in this class, but has segment-leading torque of 270 pound-feet. Similarly, the M45 borrows its V8 (335 horsepower and 340 pound-feet) from the Q45 and FX45. Road & Track clocked the M45 at 5.3 seconds from a stop to 60 miles an hour, and at 13.8 seconds for a quarter mile. Both times trailed the BMW 545i by a scant 0.1 second.

Both engines, which provide tremendous low-end torque for quick off-the-line acceleration, are

paired with a five-speed automatic transmission that shifts intuitively on its own or lets the driver shift manually. But Infiniti, unlike BMW, not offer a manual transmission.

While the M has plenty of technology, it never intrudes on the driver as it sometimes does luxury cars. The adaptive suspension, for instance, is transparent. With the M, I had the sense a better driver than I was tipping that this is an outstanding car.

In addition to solid bone-pounding heart, this Infiniti sounds in the past — notably previous-generation Q45 and the new M — has personality and that ephemeral character that eludes product developers: give one car an edge over another.

More tangible is the M's competitive price. Base prices, including delivery fees start at \$40,510 for the M35 and \$47,360 for the M45. Options can lift prices far higher. The M35 Sport test car had a sticker price of \$45,360, and the tested M45 at \$58,860.

While these Infinitis are a lure Eurocar purists out of BMW's — and indeed I'd be tempted to give the M's a clear tag — these Japanese sedans pose the toughest yet to German dominance in the sport-luxury market.

Both the M35 and M45 have plenty of connection with the road and a lot of driving excitement are also more inviting inside the 5 Series, with easier-to-use controls and transparent intervention of technology and a graceful overall package.

## Sales of hybrid and diesel cars are projected to soar by 2012

BY GREGORY J. WILCOX

DAILY NEWS LOS ANGELES

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE** — In response to rising fuel prices, sales of new vehicles sporting hybrid-electric or "clean" diesel-powered engines are expected to increase dramatically over the next seven years, according to a report from J.D. Power-LMC Automotive Forecasting Services.

These vehicles will account for an 11 percent market share in the United States by 2012, up 7.1 percentage points from a 3.9 percent

share last year, said the Troy, Mich.-based forecasting unit of J.D. Power & Associates, which is headquartered in Westlake Village.

Diesels will continue to rule in terms of buyer popularity, while hybrids will hold sway on showroom floors. Last year hybrids had a 0.5 percent market share, while diesels had a 3.4 percent share.

By 2012, diesels will account for a 7.5 percent share and hybrids a 3.5 percent share.

But the forecasters expect the number of hybrid electric models

on the market to increase from 10 this year to 44 by 2012, while the number of diesel models is expected to grow from 14 to 26.

Anthony Pratt, senior manager of global power-train forecasting at J.D. Power-LMC, offers a simple answer as to diesel power's popularity: "It's proven technology, and it's known for its high torque and high durability. Automakers are still trying to educate consumers about hybrid technology."

Hybrids, and to some extent diesel engines, gained consumer

appeal as fuel prices began climbing and eventually hit record levels, then retreated somewhat in many parts of the country. Oil prices have soared again, ending above \$60 a barrel on Monday for the first time.

Pratt also said that the price premium consumers must pay for an alternative power-train vehicle could hamper sales.

And hybrid growth will be concentrated in sport utility vehicles and midsize cars, while diesel power will expand in SUV, pickup truck and luxury-car markets.

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Brett D. Hoselton, an auto-industry analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets/McDonald, said domestic manufacturers are well versed in diesel technology, and he also expects those engines to be the most popular of the alternative power trains.

In Europe, for example, where the

domestic Big Three automakers have a force, diesel market penetration has increased from about 20 percent to nearly 50 percent in the last several years, Hoselton said.

"I think the hybrid is a hype. I think 'clean' diesel has tremendous potential."

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1726 Moreland Dr - \$755,000  
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3216 Ravens Cv - \$300,000  
1041 Regent St - \$737,000  
2158 San Jose Av - \$710,000  
2101 Shoreline 278 - \$470,000  
228 Sweet Rd - \$1,127,000  
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3381 Washington - \$1,100,000  
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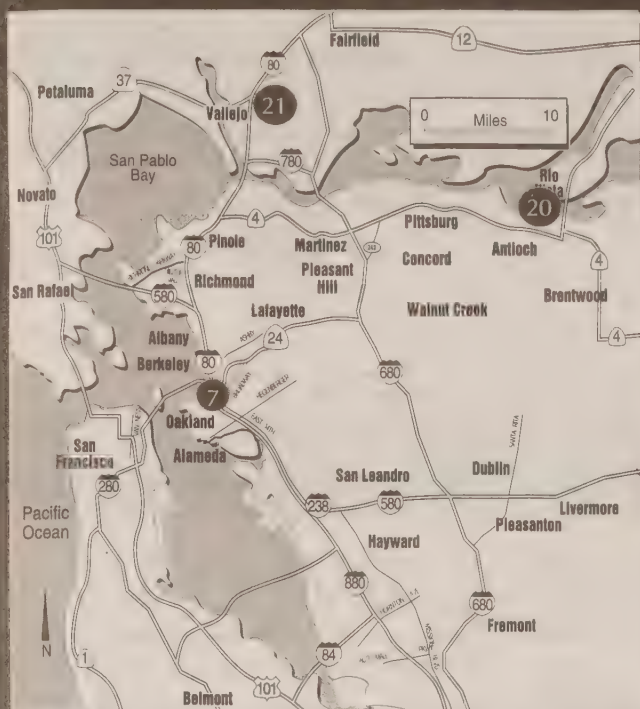
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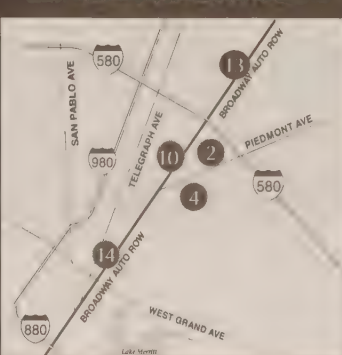


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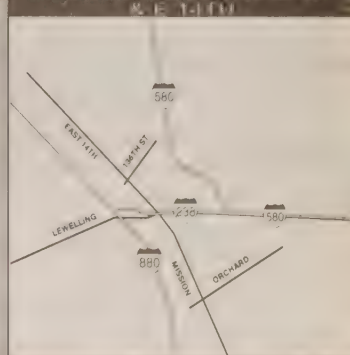
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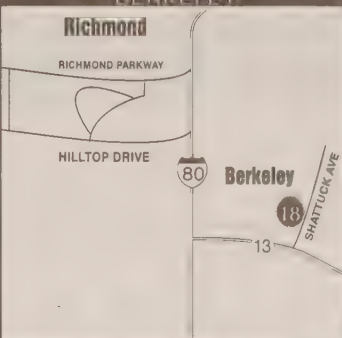
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### Alameda triples its pleasure

Hornets drill nine  
Newbies to entice  
El Cerrito in an ACCAL  
matchup

By Scott Strain

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The Hornets, who are currently in the ACCAL game, are looking to entice El Cerrito to play in the ACCAL game.

#### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

#### Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

The Oilers are set to play in the NCS opener. The Oilers are currently in the ACCAL game.

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

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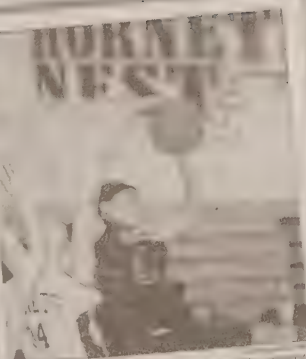
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EL CERRITO HIGH'S ANASTASIA MOURAY, right, looks on during a game over Alameda's Shahida Grissom-Rod in their ACCAL game.

#### BSAL NOTEBOOK

#### Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

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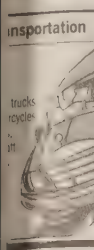
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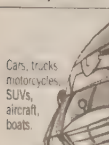
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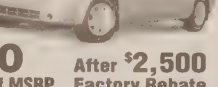
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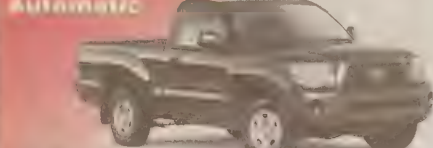
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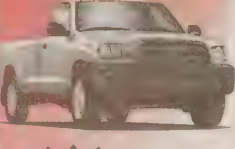
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Friday, July 1, 2005

## Look inside for local advertising circulars every Friday

**How much ice cream do Americans eat each year?**  
The U.S. ice cream industry rates about \$20 billion in sales a year. About 1.5 billion gallons of cream and frozen desserts were used in the United States in 2002 at about 21 quarts per person. More than 90 percent of American households eat ice cream.

**Does ice cream get any national recognition?**  
Sure does — in 1984, President Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month, and encouraged Americans to celebrate with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." Specifically, the third Sunday in July is National Ice Cream Day.

**What are Americans' favorite ice cream flavors?**  
Vanilla is the most popular flavor for ice cream and frozen novelties (like in sandwiches, bars and the like). Rounding out the top five are chocolate, Neapolitan (that's vanilla, chocolate and strawberry), butter pecan and blueberry chip.

**What's the difference between ice cream, custard, sherbet and all other things in the ice-cream family?**  
Frozen desserts fall into many different categories, and most of them have specific characteristics:

**Ice cream:** A mixture of dairy ingredients and sweetening and flavorings, like fruits, nuts or chocolate. Federal law requires ice cream to contain at least 10 percent fat, and it must weigh at least 4 1/4 pounds per gallon.

**Frozen custard or French ice cream:** Must contain at least 10 percent milkfat and at least 1.4 percent total solids.

**Sherbet:** Milkfat is between 1 percent and 2 percent, with slightly more sugar than ice cream. Must weigh at least 6 pounds per gallon.

**Gelato:** Contains sweetener, cream, egg yolks and flavoring. It is served in a semi-frozen state.

**Sorbet and water ice:** Contains no dairy ingredients.

**Quiescently frozen confection:** A novelty ice cream.

**Frozen dairy novelties:** Dairy ingredients as milk, cream, yogurt, etc. have been added.

**Novelties:** Separately packaged servings of a frozen dessert, without dairy ingredients.

**So what does "light" ice cream mean?**

The Food and Drug Administration regulates the labeling of food products, including ice cream, so that consumers know what they're getting, no matter where they buy. Here's a guide to ice cream lingo:

**Reduced fat:** Contains at least 10 percent milkfat.

**Reduced fat:** Ice cream: Must contain at least 25 percent less total fat than the original product (either an original brand, or the company's own brand). For example, an ice-cream maker's "reduced fat" butter pecan ice cream must contain at least 25 percent less fat than the company's regular butter pecan.

**Light:** Ice cream: Must contain at least 50 percent less total fat or 33 percent fewer calories than the original product.

**Lowfat:** Ice cream: Contains a maximum of 3 grams of total fat per 1/2 cup.

**Nonfat:** Ice cream: Contains less than 0.5 percent of total fat per serving.

**What's the best way to keep ice cream fresh?**

Follow these tips.

**Freezer store:** Make ice cream the last thing you put in the freezer.

Be sure the ice cream isn't soft when you remove it from the freezer.

— it should be thoroughly frozen and hard to the touch. The supermarket's freezer case should not be above -20 degrees.

■ If you're buying ice cream from an open-top freezer case, always choose frozen desserts stored below the freezer line.

■ Keep ice cream products together in a separate part of your grocery cart, or put them on top of other groceries.

■ Ask the person packing your groceries to include a freezer bag or extra brown paper bag for insulation.

■ Don't plan to stop anywhere else — the supermarket should be your last stop before you head home.

**At home:**

■ Never allow ice cream to repeatedly soften and refreeze. This can form clumps in your ice cream.

■ Set your freezer between -5 and 10 degrees. Ice cream should be served between 6 and 10 degrees.

■ Don't store ice cream in the freezer door, where it is subject to more temperature fluctuation.

■ Be sure to replace the ice cream's lid tightly before you return it to the freezer.

■ Don't store ice cream near uncovered food — nearby odors may affect its flavor.

**7. What kind of spoon is best for optimum ice-cream tasting?**

John Harrison, the official ice cream taster for Dreyer's, uses a gold spoon. Unlike plastic or wood, it doesn't have an aftertaste.

**8. How is commercial ice cream made?**

The basic ingredients — dairy ingredients, sweeteners, stabilizers and emulsifiers — are blended in a mixing tank. The mixture then goes into a pasteurizer, where it is heated. Next, the hot mixture is shot through a homogenizer, where more than 2,000 pounds of pressure per square inch break down the milkfat into smaller pieces, ensuring a creamy consistency. The mix is then quickly-cooled to 40 degrees and frozen. During freezing, rotating blades called "dashers" add air to the ice cream, which produces the consistency we know and love. Finally, flavorings like fruits and nuts are dropped in and the ice cream is packaged and hardened at sub-zero temperatures.

**9. How much milk does it take to make a gallon of ice cream?**  
About 12 pounds of milk are used to make a single gallon of ice cream.

**10. When was ice cream invented?**

There is some debate about when ice cream first appeared, but there is evidence that Alexander the Great ate snow and ice flavored with honey and nectar. The Roman Empire's Nero

Claudius Caesar also ate snow flavored with juice and fruit. "Cream ice" appeared in Europe in the 16th century, but was mostly reserved for royalty. In 1660, the first publicly available ice cream was served at Café Procope, the first café in Paris.

**11. When did ice cream arrive in the United States?**

The first official mention of ice cream in the United States is in a 1700 letter written by a guest of the Maryland governor. The New York Gazette ran the first advertisement for the frozen treat in May 1777. And records from one New York merchant show that President George Washington spent \$200 on ice cream in the summer of 1790. Dolley Madison served a strawberry ice cream dessert at her husband's second inaugural banquet in 1812.

But ice cream didn't become regularly available to the American public until the 19th century, when technological innovations like steam power and mechanical refrigeration made it more efficient.

**12. How did the sundae get its name?**

Ice cream sodas became popular with the rise of soda fountains in the late 1800s. But in response to religious criticism for eating "sinfully" rich ice cream sodas on Sundays, merchants left out the carbonated water and created "Sundays." Eventually the name was changed to "sundae."

**13. What causes "brain freeze"?**

When something extremely cold touches the roof of your mouth, nerves can cause the blood vessels in your head to swell. That quick swelling causes the pounding and pain known as "ice cream headache." Usually "brain freeze" lasts about a minute, and even though it's painful, it's not dangerous. To avoid the pain, try eating ice cream more slowly, or warm it up slightly in the front of your mouth before it hits your palate.

**14. How many licks does it take to finish a single-scoop ice cream cone?**

According to www.icecream.com, it takes about 50 licks to finish a single cone.

**15. Are there any world records related to ice cream?**

Yes, several ice cream records are listed in "Guinness World Records 2004":

■ Most ice cream eaten in 30 seconds with a teaspoon: 5.8 ounces, by Jaime Andre Sargento da Silva of Portugal.

■ Largest ice-cream scoop pyramid: 3,894 scoops of ice cream, created by Carvel in New York in 2002.

■ Longest banana split: 4.55 miles, created by the residents of Selinsgrove, Pa., in 1988. The sundae required 24,000 bananas and 24,000 cherries.

■ Largest milkshake: 6,000 gallons, made in New York in 2000.

■ Largest ice-cream boat: 1,310 pounds, 8 ounces, made by SIA Glass AB in Sweden. Among the ingredients were 298 pounds of cream and 163 pounds of sugar.

**16. When were ice cream cones invented?**

Italian immigrant Italo Marchiony first produced the ice cream cone in New York in the late 1800s, and was granted a patent in 1903. But around the same time, the cone made an appearance at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Ernest A. Hamwi was selling crisp, waffle-like pastries called "zalabis" from a stand next to an ice-cream vendor. When the ice-cream seller ran out of bowls, Hamwi rolled one of his waffles into a cone shape and let it cool. Later, Hamwi founded an ice-cream cone company, and several other manufacturers began to make cones. Today, ice-cream cone machines can make about 150,000 cones in 24 hours.

**17. How long have Good Humor trucks been around?**

In 1920, Harry Burt, of Youngstown, Ohio, invented the Good Humor bar. He sent out a fleet of 12 chauffeur-driven trucks, outfitted with bells. By 1961, Good Humor Corp. owned and operated 200 trucks. The company no longer owns and operates Good Humor trucks. The ice-cream trucks you see in your neighborhood are owned by large ice-cream distributors or private individuals.

**18. Why do I use rock salt when I make ice cream at home?**

According to www.makeicecream.com, rock salt forces the ice surrounding the can of ice cream mix to melt. The resulting "brine solution" absorbs heat from the mixture of cream and sugar and gradually lowers the temperature until the ice cream begins to freeze. If there were no salt added to the ice, it would melt at 32 degrees Fahrenheit and eventually the ice water and mix would come to an equilibrium at 32 degrees. The ice cream mix, however, does not begin to freeze until its temperature falls below 27 degrees. So to freeze the mix, we need a salt concentration, or a ratio of 5 cups of ice to 1 cup of salt. At this concentration, the brine temperature should remain constant at 8 to 12 degrees. This allows the rapid cooling and freezing that is essential to making creamy ice cream.

**19. I want to be a professional ice cream taster. Now what?**

John Harrison, the official taster at Dreyer's, worked at his uncle's Memphis ice-cream company —

his family has been in the dairy and ice cream industry for four generations. But he says a degree in dairy or food science is also a good start. Harrison also avoids spicy foods like peppers and garlic, and doesn't smoke, drink or wear strongly scented products like aftershave.

**20. What are the lyrics to the "I scream, you scream" song?**

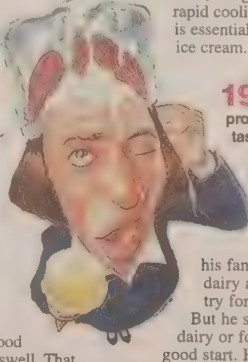
"In the land of ice and snow  
Up among the Eskimo  
There's a college known as Oogie-wawa.  
You should hear those college boys  
Gee, they make an awful noise  
When they sing their Eskimo tra la la.  
They've got a leader, big cheer leader,  
oh what a guy!  
He's got a frozen face just like an Eskimo Pie.  
When he says, "Come on, let's go!"  
Though it's forty-five below  
Listen what those Eskimo all holler:  
I scream, you scream, we all scream  
for ice cream!"

■ Visit [www.makeicecream.com](http://www.makeicecream.com) for more verses.

— Becky Sher, Knight Ridder/Tribune

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# Italian lessons: Flavors of Southern Italy bloom at hotel and school near Sorrento

BY ELIO LETURIA  
NIGHT RIDER NEWS/STAFF

Mami Camilla opened two years ago. Next to Sorrento, in the quaint town of Sant'Agnello, almost an acre of fertile land plays host to a hotel and cooking school just one block from the blue Mediterranean Sea.

Chef Biagio Longo, 52, a tall and sturdy man with hands big enough to easily knead 4 pounds of fresh pasta, welcomed the four students he had that week.

One was from Denver, another from Chicago, another a Philadelphia who lives in Budapest, and me, a Detroit from Peru. Wearing white aprons we gathered around the big marble island in the center of a no-frills kitchen.

"We are going to make a whole menu each class, all from scratch," he explained in his accented English.

The four students were given different tasks while Biagio explained each dish and its preparation. There was time for questions, jokes and making mistakes.

Time is not an issue with Biagio. "Italian cuisine is simple, earthy and tasty," he added. "I have worked all over the world but, still, my favorite dish is spaghetti with garlic and olive oil."

Biagio knew he would be a chef at an early age. He grew up surrounded by the fresh and hearty flavors of his mother's cooking. Right after high school, at age 17, he moved from his native Lecce, in Italy's southern province of Puglia, to Sorrento, where he enrolled in the Sorrento Culinary Cooking School.

From local restaurants and hotel kitchens, Biagio crossed the Alps and offered a passion for cooking in renowned hotels in cities like Brussels, Dusseldorf, and London. "That's how I learned English: working in London. I learned English in the streets," he said. He also worked on elegant cruise ships, had his own restaurants and traveled around the world.

Thirty-four years ago, he married Camilla. "We went to school together," he said proudly. For many years, Biagio would travel and work abroad. But it wasn't easy to be away from the family.

Camilla had been hosting foreign students at their house, then two years ago she came up with an idea: "Why don't you start a school here, right at home? This could be a hotel and a cooking school."

They had the land and the house, Biagio had the knowledge and experience. And they had four

great children to help out: Agostino, then 30, Giuseppe, 27, Odilia, 22, and Laura, 14.

The cooking class was going well. Students sliced fresh pasta, chopped garlic, cut blood oranges, stirred the pot of simmering red sauce. The students marveled at how easy Biagio made it all look.

"To make a lasagna, you place a layer of the pasta we just made, add the mozzarella, the meatballs, the bechamel sauce, the sliced eggs, the Parmigiano and the tomato sauce. Then you repeat the process all over again."

"And the ricotta cheese?" a student asked.

"No, lasagna doesn't take ricotta," Biagio responded. "But I understand food can be adapted to people's preferences. I like to make people try my food and compare it to their versions and taste the difference."

Four hours went by. The students laughed, sipped wine and took notes. Hotel guests began to arrive in the adjoining ample dining room. Biagio already knew how many guests in the hotel were coming for dinner. The feast was about to begin.

A four-course meal was included for every student. For the guests, 15 euros — less than \$20 — gave them a seat for an authentic Italian dining experience and all the wine they want to drink. It looked like a scene from a movie. Americans, Australians, British and Japanese were among the regular visitors. "In general," the chef said, "People come here to relax, learn, eat and have fun."

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Mami Camilla offers various culinary vacations and cooking classes, the first three named after the women in the family.

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For details on cooking classes and accommodations visit, [www.mamicamilla.com](http://www.mamicamilla.com)

## Recipes from an Italian cooking school

### MEATROLLS IN TOMATO SAUCE

(Braciolo al Ragù)

This dish can also be made by substituting thin slices of beef top round for the veal.

8 thin slices of veal, about 1 pound

Salt and black pepper to taste

1 clove garlic, peeled, thinly sliced

3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

1/3 cup grated pecorino Romano cheese

1/4 cup pine nuts

2 tablespoons raisins

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 small yellow onion, peeled, chopped

1 cup white wine

1 can (28 ounces) peeled Italian tomatoes, crushed

2 strips of thick-cut bacon

Flatten the veal slices thin to an even thickness, or use veal scallopini.

Sprinkle the veal with salt and black pepper. Distribute the garlic evenly along the veal slices; sprinkle them with parsley, cheese, pine nuts and raisins.

Starting at the short side, roll up the veal, encasing the ingredients, and secure the rolls with wooden picks.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat for 1 minute or until it's hot. Add the onions and saute for 2 minutes.

Add the veal rolls and brown on all sides over medium-high heat.

Add the wine and tomatoes and stir. Top with bacon slices.

Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 30 minutes or until the meat is tender.

Remove the meat from the sauce and slice each roll. Discard the bacon.

Serve with the sauce on the side. Preparation time: 15 minutes, total time: 1 hour, makes 4 servings.

### Cauliflower Souffle

(Sufflè di Cavolo)

1 head cauliflower (about 1 1/4 pounds)

Water

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 zucchini, washed, ends removed, thinly sliced lengthwise

2 teaspoons butter for greasing baking pan

1/2 cup bread crumbs

5 eggs

1/2 pound cherry tomatoes, rinsed, sliced

3 slices Swiss cheese

4 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

Salt and finely ground black pepper to taste

3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Meanwhile, remove the core and leaves from the cauliflower. Rinse the rest well and cut it into 1 1/2-inch pieces. Add the cauliflower to the boiling water and cook until it's very soft and tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and set it aside.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over high heat for 1 minute or until it's hot. Add the zucchini slices and saute until they are nicely brown on both sides, about 5 minutes. Remove them from the skillet and drain them on paper towels; set them aside.

Using butter, grease a 9-inch round baking dish. Sprinkle the bottom and sides with the bread crumbs; set the dish aside.

In a large bowl whisk the eggs. Add the cooked cauliflower and mix well.

Spoon half the cauliflower mixture into the pan and distribute it evenly. Create separate layers of zucchini, tomato slices, Swiss cheese tom to fit, and parsley. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper and

grated Parmesan cheese. Add the remaining cooked cauliflower and distribute it evenly. Press lightly with your fingers to compact the vegetable layers.

Bake 25 minutes, then remove the casserole from the oven.

Let it cool 10 minutes.

Invert the casserole onto a serving dish and slice.

Preparation time: 15 minutes, total time: 55 minutes, makes 4 servings.

### STUFFED EGGPLANT BOATS

(Melanzane in Barchetta)

4 baby eggplant

6 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided

2 slices white bread, cubed

2 cloves garlic, peeled, chopped

1/2 pound cherry tomatoes

Salt to taste

1 cup loosely packed fresh basil

1/4 cup capers, drained and rinsed well

20 black olives, chopped

1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the eggplant in half; remove the pulp and cut it into cubes.

In a large skillet, heat 3 tablespoons of the oil over high heat for 1 minute or until hot. Add the eggplant pulp and bread cubes; fry about 1 minute. Remove the mixture from the skillet and drain it on paper towels; set it aside.

Add the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil to the same skillet and heat over high heat until hot. Add the eggplant skins and fry them quickly on both sides. Remove them from the pan, drain them on paper towels and set them aside.

To the same skillet, add the garlic and saute until it's just golden.

Add the tomatoes, salt and basil, cook 5 minutes, and then remove the skillet from the heat.

Combine the eggplant cubes, bread cubes and tomato mixture and mix well. Stir in the capers and black olives.

Spoon the filling into the eggplant skins and sprinkle with the parsley.

Arrange the eggplant skins in a baking dish large enough to hold all the eggplant. Bake 15 minutes or until the dish is heated through.

Remove the boats from the oven and serve.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, total time: 40 minutes, makes 4 servings.

### BELL PEPPER ROLLS

(Involtini di Peperoni)

1 large green bell pepper

1 large red bell pepper

7 ounces fresh mozzarella, cubed

1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 cup bread crumbs

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat the broiler. Place the peppers on a broiler pan and place it under the broiler. Broil the peppers on all sides until the skin is charred.

Remove the peppers from the broiler and place them in a plastic bag. Seal the bag and allow peppers to cool.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

When the peppers are cool, peel away the skin, cut the peppers in half and remove the seeds and core. Cut the peppers into 1/2-inch strips.

Roll the mozzarella cubes in the pepper strips.

Arrange the rolls in a baking dish and drizzle them with oil. Sprinkle them with the bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Bake 10 to 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and serve.

Preparation time: 10 minutes, total time: 30 minutes, makes 4 servings.

### TIRAMISU

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

5 tablespoons sugar

8 ounces mascarpone cheese,



MASTER CHEF BIAGIO LONGO teaches students how to fresh pasta at Mami Camilla Hotel and Cooking School in Sorrento, Italy.



LONGO ASSEMBLES A Lasagna Napoletana. The dish is with fresh pasta, bechamel sauce, tomato sauce, meatballs, chopped hardboiled eggs, mozzarella and parmigiano cheese.

softened  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon Kahlua  
2 cups strong brewed cold coffee or espresso

20 crispy lady fingers, such as the Savoiardi brand

2 tablespoons cocoa powder

Using an electric mixer, with the bowl and beaters chilled, beat together the cream and sugar on medium speed just until soft peaks form; set the whipped cream aside.

In a separate bowl whip the mascarpone until it's fluffy.

Beat in the whipped cream, vanilla and Kahlua.

Place the lady fingers in a dish and pour the brewed coffee over them. Allow the cookies to soak in the coffee until they are saturated but still hold together.

To assemble: In a 9-inch

baking dish, spread a layer of cream filling.

Top with a layer of soaked cookies, cutting the

essary to make them fit.

Repeat with another cream filling and a layer of soaked cookies.

Top with a final layer of filling.

Sift the cocoa powder over the top cream layer.

Refrigerate at least 30 minutes before serving.

Preparation time: 15 minutes; total time: 1 hour, makes 8 servings.

All recipes are courtesy of Camilla chef, Biagio Longo.

All recipes tested by Betsy Laskowski for the Free Press Kitchen.



STUDENT BETSY LASKOWSKI, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who works as a school teacher in Budapest, Hungary, helps Longo to cut fresh squid to make deep fried calamari. In front, cauliflower souffle that was made earlier.

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# Who says office furniture has to live at the office

BY KAREN KLAGES

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CAGO — It used to be you be avant-garde or at least ubersive to buy a comfortable for your dining table or chair for your living room. It's not so anymore, now offices are looking "soft" and are looking "industrial chic" and are looking like living rooms.

The great divide between office/restaurant/hotel furniture (also known as "contract" furniture) and home furnishings no longer exists. Makes for a great shopping trip. The contract furniture industry's premier trade show last week at The Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Take a look at some of the new products — with definite potential — that we'd

like to see. Sculptural table. Chicago-based furniture manufacturer Joseph Jeup makes a strong statement in a dining room or boardroom. It's made of mahogany and measures 95 by 42 inches. About \$1,175. Through the design trade at Bright Group in Chicago, 312-557-0557.

A different kind of rocker. Rocking footrest, designed under your desk. The idea promotes healthy movement while you're sitting for hours on end as well as support the feet to ease pressure on the back. Made from polished wood and molded plywood. \$145 from Humanscale and later this summer. Visit humanscale.com or call 800-25-

CD art. It looks like a canvas hanging there, but it's actually a screen framed and matted with a painting. You choose the mat and either a 19- or 24-inch LCD screen. And then you choose from a databank of more than 1,000 digital images that are inserted into the screen.

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Images are licensed from art libraries, photography collections and individual artists. The idea is to grow a collection of Evolving Art, which is also the name of the new Chicago-based company behind it. Set up for the 19-inch screen costs \$2,000 and includes two art images, \$3,000 for the 23-inch size. Additional art images/chips cost \$100 apiece, less for multiple images. Visit [www.evolving-art.com](http://www.evolving-art.com).

4. Angela Adams fabrics. Designer Angela Adams (known for her hip, organic style and her rugs, handbags and home accessories) is now doing fabrics for Northbrook-based Archtex. They include wovens, bouclés, vinyls and highly durable Crypton fabrics. Starting at \$70 a yard through the design trade at Archtex, 800-621-0827, or [www.archtex-ijh.com](http://www.archtex-ijh.com).

5. Clarence table. At its core, it may be a conference table, but this frosted glass and aluminum number makes a clean, contemporary dining table. Expandability is key. The 34-inch-wide table grows from 47 to 95½ inches long (capable of seating 10) with no leaves, levers, latches or hooks. You simply slide and glide the two panels of glass. Cost: \$1,175 from Topdeq, which is one of the largest office furniture catalogs in Europe. Visit [www.topdeq.com](http://www.topdeq.com) or call 866-876-3300.

6. Chadwick chair. Don Chadwick, one of the original designers of the (now-iconic) Aeron chair for Herman Miller, unveiled his latest adventure in seating, this time for Knoll. Chadwick streamlined the design and construction of this chair, giving it a smaller footprint than Aeron, fewer adjustments — but with the touted suspension seat. At a starting price of \$437 to \$479, the basic Chadwick costs about \$200 less than the basic Aeron. In Chicago at Luminaire,

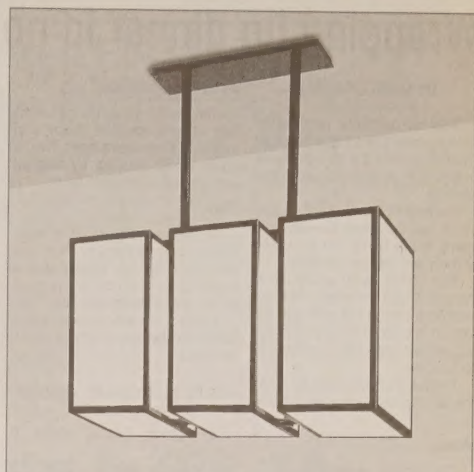
312-664-9582, and at Home Office Solutions Group in Glenview, Ill., 888-677-1600.

7. Elana side lounge chair. The low, deep seat inspires a casual "loungy-y" attitude, says Chicago designer Douglas Levine, who envisions his new chair for The Bright Group in either a contemporary home or chic boutique hotel. Approximately \$1,875, with customer's own material, through interior designers and the trade at The Bright Group, Chicago, 312-527-0557.

8. Tiro Media Console. Nu-craft introduced a series of contemporary occasional tables for lobbies or hall spaces. We liked this one for the home front — and,

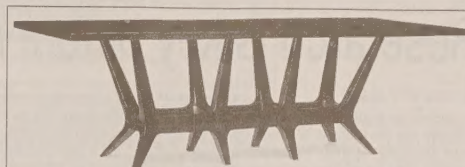
in particular, for dealing with the large-screen TV and assorted gadgetry. The shelving unit is connected; the shelves are adjustable. The console measures 72 inches long and 9 inches high. Comes in a variety of woods. About \$1,700. Call Julie LaJoye at One Source, for dealers, 630-587-0907.

9. Trio Pendant light. Boyd Lighting is marketing this as a small conference-table fixture. But we thought it would look elegant in a modern home. The three light boxes are made from acrylic panels and have a metal frame that comes in a bronze or an aluminum finish. Starting at \$2,495 through the design trade at Boyd Lighting, Chicago, 312-644-4300.



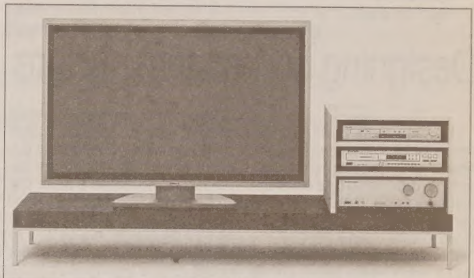
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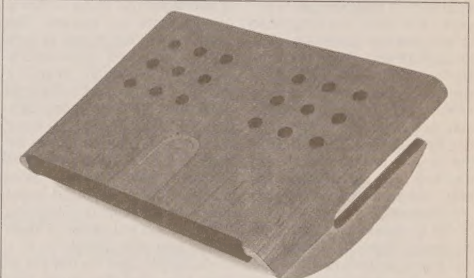
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# Wrapping up dinner in no time with Pesto Salmon and Veggies En Papillote

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The en papillote method of cooking may sound fancy and intimidating, but it's as simple as wrapping in parchment paper and cooking.

Instead of parchment paper, which can be tricky for first-time users, we're using foil for these salmon and veggie packets.

This dish is easily adaptable to the grill: Place them over indirect heat on a closed hot grill until the salmon is cooked through and the veggies are crisp-tender, about 15-20 minutes.

The foil packets make for a fun presentation and very easy clean-up.

## Menu

Olive spread on toast  
Pesto salmon and veggies en papillote  
Steamed rice  
Peach ice cream

## Beverage pairing

The cooking method gives the fish a very delicate flavor that might be overwhelmed by a chardonnay. Instead, try a crisp, well-chilled sauvignon blanc.

## Tips

Make these packets before heading to a tailgate party or other outdoor potluck. They travel well in a cooler of ice and can be made up to four hours ahead of time.

Instead of salmon, feel free to substitute cod, trout, bass or monkfish fillets.

## PESTO SALMON AND VEGGIES EN PAPILLOTE

6 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces each  
1 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1 lemon, cut into 6 slices  
3 carrots, very thinly sliced  
1 bunch green onions, thinly

sliced  
1 cup canned sliced black olives, drained  
6 sprigs tarragon  
2 tablespoons jarred pesto sauce  
1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Cut six 12-inch squares of aluminum foil; set aside. Season salmon with salt and pepper to taste; set aside.  
2. Place 1 lemon slice on the bottom center of each sheet of aluminum foil. Divide carrots, green onions and olives equally among the sheets.  
Top each with 1 piece salmon, 1 sprig tarragon and 1 teaspoon of pesto.  
3. Fold foil over salmon; seal sides and bottom by crimping foil edges together. Bake until salmon is cooked through and vegetables are crisp-tender, about 20 minutes. Transfer packets to serving plates; carefully cut open to serve.  
Preparation time: 15 minutes, cooking time: 20 minutes, makes 6 servings.



PESTO SALMON and Veggies En Papillote.

## Designing homes that nurture

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The way Bette Levin tells the story, it is a match made in heaven. After several disappointing attempts to find a designer to help transform the town home she and her husband recently purchased, Levin decided to track down a designer she had consulted on her previous home many years before. When they finally connected, it was like renewing an old friendship.

"You have to feel first and foremost that the designer 'gets' you," says Levin, who was introduced to designer Ron Godshalk, ASID, through a friend. Some of the designers Levin had met with before were more concerned with presenting their ideas than understanding what was important to her. Godshalk was different. "From the very beginning I felt that he was looking out for my best interests," she says. "It was a very caring process."

For Godshalk, it's all about doing design right. "The first thing I ask clients is about how they live. That's where the design process begins." Lifestyle preferences affect not only choices about use of space, furniture and materials but environmental considerations like lighting and color. "Your environment should nurture you," says Godshalk. "Color is an important part of a person's life, but many people are afraid of color. Everything today is 32 shades of beige."

To create a nurturing home, Godshalk begins with basics. Even though he is doing the interiors, he thinks in terms of designing a total environment, taking into consideration the look of the building and the landscaping. He then focuses on the walls, floors and colors. Only afterwards does he consider the furniture. "If you set the stage right, the furniture can be incidental," he explains.

Nonetheless, furniture plays an important role in how a room feels.

"A lot of homes are overly furnished and not very comfortable," Godshalk contends. "Comfortable furniture and good lighting are essential. Fabric makes a room feel cozy. I have upholstered pieces made to order so that the scale is right for the client." He also likes interesting window treatments, but points out it's important to find a good shop that can do the work well. The care that Godshalk gives his clients and puts into his designs is an integral part of the nurturing environments he creates. The Levins had a fixed budget to work with. Based on his conversations with them, Godshalk created a multi-year plan and addressed priorities like the living room, bedrooms and kitchen first. "He spent our money in a way that made the house livable for us when we moved in," says Levin. "He made lots of practical decisions that I never would have thought of. Everything was here and just perfect. It made us feel very taken care of."

Godshalk views his designs as living things that change over time as lifestyles change and more pieces of the design are put into place. "I often work with clients over a five-year period, going back periodically to add something new or make adjustments. Sometimes clients try to get ahead of themselves and do more than they have the budget for. I will say no when I have to."

"There is not a day that goes by that I don't look around and actively love our home," says Levin. "My husband, too. We so appreciate what Ron has done for us."

For a free guide on how to select and work with an interior designer, "Designing Your Space," visit the ASID Web site at [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org) or send an e-mail request to [arc@asid.org](mailto:arc@asid.org). To locate a qualified interior designer in your community, check out the free ASID Referral Service at [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org).

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## Research is key before remodeling your kitchen

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So you've made the decision to finally join the millions of Americans remodeling their kitchens this year. Now what? The decision to remodel your kitchen is an important step in home ownership. After all, it is the busiest room in the house and one that often needs the most improvement. Before selecting the products that will turn your old, outdated kitchen into your family's dream kitchen, make sure to do your research.

Spending quality time looking through magazines, watching home improvement shows, and visiting kitchen showrooms and retail home improvement stores is a great way to begin your search for the perfect kitchen elements. Many homeowners desire a custom look for their kitchen, but can't afford custom features. In addition to high quality "custom" cabinetry, the industry also offers "semi-custom" cabinetry, which offers most of the features of "custom" cabinetry, but at a lower price point. Even today's "stock" cabinetry offers more choices for consumers at affordable prices. It is estimated that the average kitchen remodeling job costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000. About half of your budget is going to go toward your cabinets. Based on that information, there's a lot to consider during the selection process.

## More than meets the eye

Decorative features that reflect the homeowner's personal style are often a primary concern driving these decisions. Equally as important as style are the performance

and quality of your products.

"Most homeowners will only replace their kitchen cabinets once in their lifetime," says Dick Titus, executive vice president Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA). "We encourage consumers to become educated buyers of kitchen cabinets. Our newly revised Web site with colorful photography offers useful information about selecting kitchen cabinets so consumers can feel confident they have made a smart decision."

To make sure you are getting long-lasting investment, look for cabinets that comply with industry standards for performance and quality. For over 40 years, KCMA has sponsored the nationally recognized testing and certification program for cabinets.

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## Convenience is key

Now that you are more educated about purchasing cabinets, you are almost ready to begin remodeling. But first, remember to consider the convenience of your purchase. Find out if you will be able to order cabinets through retail chains like Home Depot and Lowe's, or if you will need to go directly to a kitchen dealer.

Also, the timing of your project

may impact your decision on how long the project will take for delivery and installation and whether the installation is provided with your purchase. Working with a certified kitchen bath designer from a dealer or retailer ensure you not only get a quality kitchen design that they will be installed and that all your questions answered, too.

Check with your cabinet manufacturer to see if they offer owner care kits to replace up their cabinetry. This sure that your cabinets retain their new look for come. Some manufacturers extra advice and tools keep your cabinets in condition.

For most families, the hub of the home — where they prepare meals, entertain guests and do home repairs. Make the most of your kitchen. Purchase with confidence.

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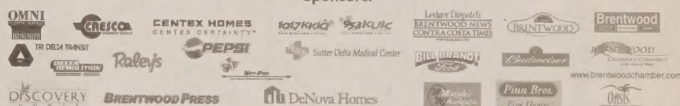
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